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Disaster recovery center opens today

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A disaster recovery center will open today at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe to help individuals and families affected by Typhoon Soudelor with the recovery process.

The DRC will open today at 12pm and accommodate disaster victims until 5pm.

Normal hours of operation will be Monday to Saturday, from 8am to 5pm, and Sunday, from 10am to 4pm.

"After registering online or by telephone, survivors can ac-

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'Enhanced aid' for typhoon survivors

The CNMI government, the American Red Cross, and Federal Emergency Management Agency announced yesterday an expansion of enhanced resource assistance for Saipan residents affected by Typhoon Soudelor. Using FEMA supplies, the ARC, which has already provided assistance to some 3,000 residents, will make the aid available.

Residents already registered with the ARC and are considered to have the greatest need will be processed first, said the

» US naval vessels to deliver more supplies

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'Mitigating tank leak hindered opening of Mobil stations'

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Mobil service stations on Saipan failed to open immediately after Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan on Aug. 3 because the terminal that distributes fuel to the service stations had one tank that was damaged by the typhoon and mitigating the leakage was of utmost importance, according to Charles Ewart, president of Mobil Oil Marianas, Inc. and Mobil Oil Guam Inc.

Ewart

Ewart told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that perceptions of a fuel supply shortage was not true; it was getting the fuel to the service stations in a safe manner that was the primary concern and to do that, they first had to patch the leak and contain the leakage.

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Marines provide drinking water to the public

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Drinking water is being produced and distributed to the public by the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit of the U.S. Marine Corps as part of their Typhoon Soudelor relief efforts on island.

Using their lightweight water purification system and tactical water purification system, the Marines are able to produce drinking water at the Garapan Fishing Base.

"Our task is to produce water and distribute that water to five distribution centers," Lt. Col. Eric Ma-

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Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit Liaison; Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander Joint Region Marianas; CNMI Lt. Gov. Ralph Torres, and Maj. Joseph Montedor inspects the lightweight water purification system and tactical water purification system set up by the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit of the U.S. Marine Corps at the Garapan Fishing Base.
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Inos visits transport vessel, but Torres still in charge

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos visited the Port of Saipan to personally check U.S. Navy vessel USS *Ashland*, which returned to the CNMI a second time to transport more relief goods and equipment as recovery efforts continue on Saipan.

Inos did not address the media, letting his second-in-command, Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, to give updates in a short briefing.

Inos returned to the CNMI on Monday after a long vacation in the U.S. mainland, leaving Torres to assume the role of acting governor.

In the devastation of Typhoon Soudelor, Inos' direct instruction to Torres was to "take charge."

No miscommunication

According to Torres, there was "no miscommunication" on the part of the government and federal agencies in the distribution of relief goods on Sunday.

Thousands of residents queued up and waited for hours in three separate locations, causing confusion.

Torres said the trucks carrying the supplies suffered "technical issues" halfway through the delivery, which then caused a "chain reaction" that delayed the distribution.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos, third from right, joins Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fourth from left; Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, second from left; Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar, Commander Joint Region Marianas, third from left; Cmdr. Dan Duhan, commanding officer of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48), rightmost; House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero, second from right; and Lt. Col. Eric Malinowski, commanding officer of the Combat Logistics Battalion 31, leftmost, for a photo in front of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48). Ashland has made two trips from Guam to Saipan, carrying supplies and equipment, to assist with typhoon relief efforts. MC3 KRISTINA MARSHALL

Delegate Gregorio Kilikili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) on Monday said some of the relief and assistance operations were just "unacceptable."

He cited the apparent confusion in the way relief goods were distributed at the American Memorial Park, where hundreds of people had to queue up for hours—under a hot sun—to wait for the distribution.

The American Memorial Park, Kagman High School, and Hopwood Junior High School were designated as relief centers on Monday.

DoD assistance

The U.S. Department of Defense has also been tapped to assist in the recovery efforts.

"The DoD is here to support the Federal Emergency Management Agency," Joint Region Marianas Commander Rear Adm. Bette Bolivar said.

She added that FEMA is the lead coordinating office and that DoD came in to support the "mission assignment," which is to provide "transportation of assets" from the military's Combat Logistics Division. One of those transportation assets is the USS *Ashland*.

Bolivar said the military will not assist in the cleanup activities and that the local government will still be in charge of these activities.

Torres added that the CNMI government will use its own resources and private groups for the use of equipment and labor for the cleanup.

FEMA resources will also be used, he said. "We made the requests to FEMA regarding what we need for the cleanup, but we will continue to tap their resources," Torres said.

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Legislature urged to amend 'price freeze' law

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos is requesting leaders of the CNMI Legislature to hold an emergency joint session to amend an existing "price freeze" law.

Inos sent the request letter to Senate President Victor B. Hocog (Ind-Rota) and House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) on Tuesday.

"In order to more effectively protect our residents from predatory pricing activities by merchants following Typhoon Soudelor, I respectfully request that you call an emergency joint session of the Commonwealth Legislature to amend the Disaster Price Freeze Act. At present the Disaster Price Freeze Act allows the governor to issue a price freeze for five days, and further allows one five-day extension," Inos, in his letter, said.

According to Inos, a price freeze order was issued on Aug. 3, and was extended through Aug. 13.

"Price gouging has already been reported throughout the community. Without an amendment to the Act, I will be unable to extend this necessary protection for our community through the duration of our recovery efforts," he said.

In an interview, the House speaker confirmed that members of the CNMI House of Representatives are looking to pass emergency bills that the government might need in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor.

Deleon Guerrero said one of the bills the Legislature is looking to pass is an amendment to the law mentioned by the governor.

"We received a proposal from the attorney general on this amendment," Deleon Guerrero said.

According to the lawmaker, the CNMI law on anti-price gouging mandates prices of commodities to be "frozen" for four or five days after a declaration of emergency.

"But the AG is recommending that this be extended for the duration of the disaster declaration," Deleon Guerrero said.

He said a House session will be scheduled soon. However, the Legislature might need to find an alternative venue, since Capital Hill remains without power.

Deleon Guerrero said he has instructed legislative staff to look for a facility or a government office, or even a place to rent to conduct the session.

He said he will meet with Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres on other emergency bills the CNMI government might need.

Deleon Guerrero hinted of a sense of urgency at the Legislature, because aside from the emergency bills, the government's budget bill also needs to be passed.

"The CNMI Constitution says we need to pass that bill by Sept. 30. We do not have too much time on the budget," he said.

Sept. 30 is the end of fiscal year 2015 for the CNMI government. The budget remains pending at the Senate.

"The passing of the budget is not suspended because of a disaster, so we have to act on it,"

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Hospital operations up and running

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s hospital operations and all services are up and running, while its mobile clinic that prioritizes typhoon victims in shelters is still ongoing.

CHCC public health planner Kaitlyn R. Neises said that mobile clinics have made it to all the shelters and are preparing a more regular schedule going forward.

"Hospital operations are fully functioning," Neises said. "Our priority is obviously our regular operations but we are taking steps to make sure we prevent health problems in the community that commonly occur post-disaster."

Neises also assured that rumors of a flesh-eating bacteria at the Commonwealth Health Center are "not true."

FCC reopens

CHCC CEO Esther Muña announced yesterday that the Family Care Clinic at the hospital was reopened for services on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2015. She said the decision to reopen the clinic was made "as the numbers show an increase in the need for urgent care and primary care services on an outpatient basis."

She also said the Women's/Infant Children Clinic and Kagman Community Health Center services remain in normal operations.

Mobile clinic, outreach

CHCC's mobile clinic has already visited three Kagman shelters—Kagman Community Center, Kagman High School, and Chacha Oceanview Junior High School—and Tanapag Middle School.

CHCC's operations scout team has assessed the shelters at the Garapan Elementary School and the Office on Aging to inform them of the deployment of the mobile clinic. The team also conducted immunizations, provided hygiene tips, and distributed hand sanitizers.

The Women's/Infant Children program, HOME visiting, Early Intervention Services, and Hearing Screening teams were also deployed to Koblerville Elementary School and San Vicente Elementary School.

CHCC's Community Guidance Center counselors have visited shelters at Tanapag, Garapan, and San Vicente elementary schools.

CHCC's Bureau of Environmental Health staff conducted retail inspections at the northern region of Saipan.

Hospital admissions, as of Monday, was at 65. CHCC plans to have additional security at the hospital to ensure safety and crowd control.

External

The hospital will be receiving help from the World Health Organization, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community. CDC epidemiologists Dr. Thane Hancock and SPC epidemiologist Paul White arrived Monday and will be helping CHCC grapple with post-typhoon cases.

Two WHO doctors will also be arriving next week.

Shelter capacity

So far, 535 individuals remain in shelters as of 9am yesterday, according to CHCC's census.

KCC has 44, KHS has 75, SVES has 78, KES has 60, GES has 44, Tanapag Middle has 48, Tanapag Head Start has 40, Office on Aging has 84, and Chacha Oceanview has 62.

CHCC has created a shelter health team with the help of visiting epidemiologists to plan and implement health assessments, surveillance, and outbreak response.

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Personnel shortage hinders Saipan port acticity

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The U.S. Coast Guard met with local seaport officials yesterday to determine what resources it needs after a "personnel shortage" reportedly left port recovery and off-loading operations inoperable when Typhoon Soudelor tore out port lights and tossed cargo containers around like toys when it hit the island a week ago.

The Coast Guard also clarified yesterday that they did not deny a waiver request for a fuel tanker to arrive with supply for Shell gas stations.

The U.S. Department of Energy on Sunday said that due to a shortage of stevedores—the personnel trained to work at docks and unload cargo—the CNMI was unable to conduct both seaport recovery and off-loading operations.

DOE said Saipan Stevedores reported a shortage of 17 personnel "who are survivors and have lost homes."

They said the Coast Guard was scheduling a meeting with Saipan Stevedores and the seaport harbor master to determine resource requirements.

USCG Lt. Clifton Graham, acting public affairs officer for USCG Sector Guam, said they met with the stevedores yesterday.

He confirmed that Saipan Stevedores does have a shortage but that the port is still operating with limited personnel.

That the CNMI was unable to conduct port operations was "not true" though, according to him.

"The operations are slightly restricted," he said in an interview close to press time.

Federal Emergency Administration Agency federal liaison officer Stephen DeBlasio said in an interview at the Saipan port yesterday morning that they were not aware of a shortage at the dock. He instead commended the speed at which cargo was unloaded from relief ships.

"There have been no delays in off-loading this vessel. The last time it came in with the resources that it had—the generators—they were immediately off-loaded, both from the stevedores and from the crane on the ship.

"No delays and no limiting factors," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

FEMA external affairs director John Hamill added that the U.S. Navy commander of the USS *Ashland* complimented the stevedores on how fast they unloaded.

USS *Ashland* arrived last Saturday and yesterday with relief goods.

Commonwealth Ports Authority executive director Maryann Lizama confirmed the Coast Guard report near press time yesterday.

"Though some of Saipan Stevedore personnel are out, they are still able to operate during the given operational period, which is daylight operations only," she said.

Cargo is only unloaded during the day as ports lights are damaged.

Fuel tanker for Shell?

Meantime, the U.S. Coast Guard said they did not deny a waiver request for a fuel tanker to arrive at the Saipan port.

Instead, according to Graham, a request was not sent in.

The U.S. Department of Energy on Monday reported that USCG has "denied the waiver request as of Aug. 10."

The tanker ship is required to meet and/or comply with port entrance regulations.

IP&E—the company running Shell on Saipan—requested the waiver, DOE said.

DOE said that due to the high sales of volumes of gasoline, IP&E was requesting a waiver from Guam Environmental Protection Agency to "land the internal floating roof of a gasoline tank for approximately 7 to 10 days."

If approved, the tanker would have arrived on Saipan on Aug. 19 or 20, DOE reported.

Graham said yesterday that they had not denied the waiver request. He said the tanker never submitted a waiver of its intent to enter Saipan.

"They did not have the required U.S. documentation to enter the port," he said, adding that the request for a waiver was never sent in after the company looked into the possibility.

Graham said the Coast Guard helped look into the possibility for the tanker to come in. They do not know of any future intent of IP&E to bring in a tanker, Graham said.

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tive winds caused a number of cargo containers to fly into Mobil's terminal at the Port of Saipan, with one damaging a tank containing Super Unleaded gasoline.

"What happened was that we had an uncontrolled leak coming out of the tank and it went into the containment area…the product was going out of the tank and it was very flammable and evaporates very quickly," Ewart said.

"So it was creating a vapor cloud that is very flammable," he added.

Ewart said their staff, who are trained for these situation, had to use foam to put over the leakage to separate the gasoline from the environment and create a barrier between the two.

Aside from barricading the problem, another problem was the vapors that needed to be contained. Any equipment that requires ignition to operate such as generators could not be used while the vapor cloud is still in the open.

"So we had to reduce the potential of ignition sources and all electricity within the area," Ewart said.

He said the consequences of something going wrong at the terminal could have resulted in the loss of the entire stock of fuel on Saipan and access to the terminal. It wasn't until Aug. 5 that the problem was fixed.

"I've heard through the radio over and over that we're late in opening but we we're focused first on containing it. If something could have gone wrong, then there wouldn't be any supplies," he said.

"IP&E has their own terminal, which is right next to our terminal. Their terminal is downwind of the vapors and they weren't allowed to use electricity but they could get the fuel into their trucks by gravity feed."

"If there had been an escalation of events at our terminal, there was a high probability that the terminal would have had to close as well," he said.

Once the issue with the terminal was solved, that's when service stations were opened.

Yesterday Mobil opened up nine service stations. Today, Aug. 12, Ewart hopes that they would get 10 stations up.

Too much fuel

Ewart noted that there wouldn't be any fuel shortage because the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. hasn't used its power plant for a week.

"There is no way the amount of generators operating today are using the amount used by the power plant," he said.

"In fact, the issue isn't there is not enough diesel, the issue is there is too much diesel," he said.

A supply ship is coming and Ewart hopes it comes in by Aug. 16 but not all of its supply could be offloaded.

"The ship has product ready to replenish what CUC should have purchased but CUC hasn't purchased because the power plant hasn't gone up…So not all the fuel would be offloaded because there isn't enough space," Ewart said.

Saipan gets replenished with fuel once a month. Two smaller ships go to Rota and Tinian for replenishment. The ship goes to Guam first then Saipan and other areas in the Pacific.

"If we need fuel here, we can replenish it and have a ship come here. In about four and a half weeks there would be another ship coming here," he said.

Moving forward, when asked if Mobil has any takeaway lessons from what happened, Ewart said it is too early in the process to be planning at this time, but they will be coming up with such a plan next week.

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cess 'one-stop shop' service at the DRC and receive assistance with additional registration needs such as case inquiries and updates," a statement released by the government on Tuesday said.

Experts from Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Small Business Administration, and the American Red Cross will be available at the DRC.

"While visiting the DRC is not required, an in-person visit following registration often proves extremely helpful to survivors in understanding the entire range of possible assistance for which they may be eligible," the statement said.

Visitors are requested to bring identification cards, Social Security numbers, and their FEMA registration number (which you will get by registering first with FEMA). The FEMA number will be the number visitors will have to reference every time they interact with FEMA staff regarding registration.

Those seeking assistance are also requested to bring insurance documents, receipts of any repairs performed on homes or items purchased to recover from typhoon damage (not all will be eligible for reimbursement, but good to have just in case), and any other documents that may further verify survivors' occupancy or ownership of a home.

Survivors are encouraged to apply for assistance before going to the DRC by calling 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362 to register. Online registration is also available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov.

If survivors are unable to register prior to visiting the DRC, there will be a phone bank available for registration or helpline support.

As of Monday, the number of registrants has reached more than 3,000.

Shelter issues

FEMA said it is addressing concerns regarding the conditions of temporary shelters for victims of Typhoon Soudelor.

Earlier, Delegate Gregorio Kilikili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) described the shelters as "unacceptable and filthy."

Stephen DeBlasio, the federal coordinating officer for FEMA, said the agency continues to make sure the shelters do not have "unsanitary, unsafe, and unhealthy conditions."

He said he personally visited the shelters and saw telephones working, generators running, and sufficient supplies of blankets and beddings.

"There is water and children were playing basketball," DeBlasio said.

DeBlasio also invited anyone with specific issues on the shelters to bring their concerns to the CNMI government or directly to him.

He said he will then "coordinate with the government so we can address those issues."

DeBlasio added that since Monday last week, a "shelter task force" has been doing the rounds to check on the shelters.

He said the task force has members from FEMA, the CNMI government, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Red Cross, and other concerned agencies.

"They meet everyday at the hospital to resolve and identify any issues at the shelters," DeBlasio said.

Hundreds of residents reportedly rushed to the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on Monday hoping to receive assistance, only to find out that the center is not yet open.

DeBlasio stressed that the DRC is not a distribution center but a venue where those seeking financial assistance can be provide supplemental information.

American Red Cross relief operations director Denise Everhart, meanwhile, said the ARC continues to provide three meals a day to those in shelters.

The ARC is also doing surveys on the shelters and is looking to train those manning the shelters with "better practice on how to run the shelters, she said.

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linowski, commanding officer of the Combat Logistics Battalion 31 said.

"The Marines will push out water to the distribution sites," Malinowski added.

Malinowksi said they started Monday night and were able to produce 3,000 gallons of water.

The group of 17 Marines dedicated to water production was able to distribute water of up to five gallons per person yesterday. Today they will start distributing at the Garapan Fishing Base at 8am.

The Marines are also bringing water to three fire stations: Koblerville Fire Station, Kagman Fire Station, and San Roque Fire Station.

According to Gunnery Sgt. Weiss of the engineering staff for the water section of the 31st MEU, the LWPS, which is smaller unit, can produce up to 3,000 gallons of water in a 24-hour period. It is a reverse osmosis (hyper-filtration) modular unit.

The TWPS, on the other hand, can produce 30,000 to 40,000 gallons in a 24-hour period but is being utilized for the hospital right now, according to Weiss.

"That is totally dedicated to the hospital right now. All the water that we make [in the TWPS] is being picked up by water trucks and taken to the hospital to keep the hospital up and running," Weiss said.

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ARC's Operations Director Denise Everhart.

ARC has a list of more than 3,000 individuals who have called into the chapter looking for assistance and is calling those with greatest need to do one-on-one casework. ARC will then supply Client Assistance Cards with some money for fuel, phone, and laundry as well as tarps, water, buckets, hygiene supplies, food and other supplies. This will be continued, until the list is complete.

If there are limiting factors, where people cannot get to the designated ARC Chapter, located at 1 Airport Road, call the ARC at (670) 234-3459, and the ARC will work with FEMA and CNMI to accommodate those individuals on a case-by-case basis.

"Working through the CNMI government and the American Red Cross is the best and fastest way to get the basic life sustaining supplies into the hands of the residents of Saipan that need them most," said FEMA coordinating officer Steve DeBlasio. "These supplies will go a long way in allowing the government of CNMI and the rest of our federal and private sector partners to create solutions to problems."

DeBlasio also thanked the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps for their assistance in supporting the humanitarian mission on Saipan, and praised the resilience and patience of the citizens of the CNMI.

Additional supplies to what FEMA already had on the ground in CNMI were transported from Guam on the USS *Ashland* last Saturday. That cargo contained generators of various sizes, as well as large amounts of food, drinking water, tents, and vital heavy equipment needed to move the larger generators.

The USS *Ashland* returned to Saipan yesterday and off-loaded Guam Power Authority heavy equipment. This equipment will help to expedite the restoration of electrical infrastructure here in Saipan.

"The residents of Saipan have been resilient, patient, and extremely hospitable under very trying and austere circumstances," DeBlasio said. "They deserve our thanks and our help."

DeBlasio also encouraged disaster survivors on Saipan to continue to register for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621 FEMA (3362), adding that more than 2,500 households had already done so. ***(FEMA)***

LEGISLATURE

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Deleon Guerrero said.

Community work

The House speaker also said his colleagues at the House and their staff have been conducting cleanup activities and helping out in their respective precincts.

"I cannot give them orders. But as of this morning, some staff have been helping distribute tents to communities," he said.

On his social media page, Rep. Edwin K. Propsts (Ind-Saipan) shared items that families in shelters need.

According to the minority lawmaker, these items include cots, futons, beddings, linen, pillows, mosquito repellent, hygiene items, books for adults and kids, cards, board games, sports equipment, games or toys for kids.

Propst said donors can drop these items at the Public School System for distribution. He said he can also be reached at 287-7883 if donors would like the items to be picked up and dropped off. ***(Joel Pinaroc)***

CUC water service expands to Chalan Kiya

The village of Chalan Kiya was the latest to receive pressurized water yesterday afternoon as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues to expand limited water service to Saipan residents.

Water and Wastewater engineer Robert Malate and CUC Engineering generator technician John Jetnil energized a generator from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which allowed CUC to charge the lines in Chalan Kiya.

The limited water service in Chalan Kiya will initially be available for approximately two hours and will increase once Water personnel make their assessment of the system.

CUC PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER BRAD E. RUSZALA

CUC Engineering generator technician John Jetnil and Water/Wastewater engineer Robert Malate energize the Chalan Kiya well with a generator provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

CUC will next proceed to pressurize the water lines north to Quartermaster Road in Chalan Laulau. As with the previous phases, water will initially be available for approximately two hours and up to four hours once Water personnel make their assessment of the system.

In advance of the line pressurization, customers are asked to check that all household water faucets and hose bibs are turned off as water begins to fill the distribution lines.

On Sunday, CUC charged the lines in three sections beginning with the village of Chalan Kanoa in the first phase, and the villages of Susupe, Oleai, and San Jose in the second phase. CUC proceeded with the third phase of the restoration Monday morning with the villages of San Antonio and Chalan Piao. Customers between San Antonio and Oleai can expect to receive two to three hours of water per day at times to be released by CUC.

Given the challenges to water production and distribution posed by Typhoon Soudelor, it is critical for the community to immediately notify CUC of any water leaks. To report water leaks, contact the CUC Customer Call Center by calling 664-4CUC (4282).

CUC continues to provide water to residents in the amount of 100 gallons per household per day at filling stations located in As Teo, Capital Hill, Kannat Tabla, Kagman, and Navy Hill from 10am to 5pm daily, while the restoration of essential services rendered inoperable by Typhoon Soudelor continue.

The filling stations in Kannat Tabla and Kagman will continue daily operations until the supply in each of the reservoirs is depleted. The Agag, Capital Hill, and Navy Hill reservoirs are filled by water flowing from well pumps and will remain open indefinitely, provided the pumping system is operational or until CUC achieves a more stable solution to Saipan's water needs.

The water made available at the filling stations is strictly for non-commercial residential use. No water buffaloes will be filled.

As a precaution, all water provided by CUC will also need to be sanitized through the use of chlorine bleach or boiling before it can be used by the community.

For more information, visit the CUC website, www.cuc-gov.org, or contact CUC's Customer CallCenter at 664-4CUC (664-4282). ***(CUC)***

US district court resumes operation

The U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, located in the Horiguchi Building, will reopen to the public today, Aug. 12, 2015, and resume regular business hours, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays), from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm. The Clerk's Office will be open from 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 3:30pm until further notice.

The suspension of filing deadlines, pursuant to General Order 15-10, is lifted, effective Monday, Aug. 17, 2015.

"The court recognizes the severe disruption of personal and work lives caused by Typhoon Soudelor and will be inclined to grant requests to extend deadlines for a reasonable period," said chief Judge Ramona Manglona in General Order 15-11 she issued yesterday.

Separate orders will issue in individual cases setting new hearing dates and filing deadlines that were continued or suspended during the period of the federal court's closure. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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/S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-15-IFB-010

INSTALLATION OF SPEED BUMPS

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the **Installation of Speed Bumps, Kagman II and III**, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 29, 2015**, at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, and Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Works at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

The will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 17, 2015**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 24, 2015** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-15-IFB-010**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local times **September 03, 2015**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local times September 03, 2015, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com For bidders located outside the CNMI, and original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 03, 2015** and must be received no later than **September 15, 2015**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **Sept. 16, 2015**. However, if no notices of Intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **Sept. 03, 2015**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashier's check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25, 000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has the authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:
1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Thirty (30) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/s/HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement and Supply

AG urges consumers to report incidents of price gouging

"The Office of the Attorney General has received numerous complaints of price gouging and of increases in the prices of goods protected by the price freeze declaration," reported Attorney General Edward Manibusan. "To assist with the investigation of price gouging and violations of the price freeze declaration, affected consumers should submit a written complaint to the Office of the Attorney General along with copies of all receipts, invoices, or other documents associated with the complained-of transaction."

Consumers should save all receipts, invoices, and other documents related to price gouging and/or violations of the price freeze declaration.

» Submit a written complaint with copies of receipts

When submitting a complaint to the Office of the Attorney General, consumers should submit copies of any supporting documents and retain the originals for their own records. Complaint forms may be obtained at the Civil Division from 9am to 12pm Monday through Friday, or via email by sending a request to cnmiconsumercounsel@gmail.com.

Consumers who cannot obtain a complaint form may submit a written complaint that includes (1) the name of the consumer and his or her contact information, (2) the name of the business and its location, (3) a description of goods or services purchased, (4) the date of the purchase, (5) the price paid for goods or services, (6) the price of the goods or services prior to Typhoon Soudelor, (7) any other details that support the complaint, and (8) copies of receipts, invoices, or other documents that support the complaint.

Complaints should be hand-delivered to the Civil Division or submitted via email.

Inquiries regarding consumer protection should be directed to Assistant Attorney General Teresita Sablan at cnmiconsumercounsel@gmail.com or (670) 237-7500. ***(OAG)***

RELOCATION EFFORTS

Staff of House Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero pose with a local family sheltered at Koblerville Elementary School since Typhoon Soudelor hit that they helped relocate back to their destroyed residence yesterday. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

SYP members volunteer at soup kitchen

On Saturday, Aug. 8, members of the Saipan Young Professionals volunteered for the Salvation Army's soup kitchen. About 20 SYP members and their friends and family worked together to prepare and serve free hot meals to homeless families and those affected by the recent Super Typhoon Soudelor. Free meals were prepared and served at their venue in San Antonio.

SYP members and Salvation Army volunteers prepared the meals, served dine-in families, provided water and even held signs to encourage passersby to stop by. A few community members dropped by to donate personal food items.

"During this time of need, we're glad to work alongside the Salvation Army to provide meals to families, especially those with young children," said SYP chair Mable Ayuyu. "I'm humbled to be a part of the process and applaud the Salvation Army and members of the community that volunteer to help in any way they can."

In the first hour, the group served more than 150 people. They were able to serve 558 meals and distributed 600 bottles of water by the end of the day.

"To see this amount of people stop by to have lunch is a testament to how important organizations like the Salvation Army are to our community," added Ayuyu.

When asked about her experience participating in this event, SYP member Jiana Camacho said, "This was a great experience to assist the community. We also have food for our Tinian and Rota liaisons, which we will drop to them as well."

SYP co-chair Bobby Cruz commented that "today was a moving experience because it makes you appreciate what you have and the many blessings God has given you. When you see people who are in need of basic necessities like water and food, it teaches you to appreciate what you have."

When asked why they chose to volunteer for the soup kitchen, Ayuyu stated that there is a great need to provide direct assistance to those most affected by the typhoon. "As a committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, an important aspect of what we do is to give back to the community. The soup kitchen allows us to do just that," she said.

The Salvation Army's Soup Kitchen is open daily from 12pm to 4pm until further notice. For more information on any upcoming programs or events under the Saipan Young Professionals Committee or the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, feel free to contact the Chamber office at 234-7150 or visit www.saipanchamber.com or our Facebook page. Our office is located at Suite 315, 3rd floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe. ***(SCC)***

Salvation Army's Wayne Gillespie and SYP members have their picture taken. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

USVI's Basil Ottley Jr. is OIA's new Policy Director

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary for Insular Areas Esther Kia'aina announced yesterday the selection of Basil Ottley Jr., to serve as the new Policy Director at the headquarters of the Office of Insular Affairs in Washington, D.C. Ottley who also served as OIA's U.S. Virgin Islands Policy Desk Officer in Washington and as the OIA Field Representative in the U.S. Virgin Islands, began his first day as Policy Director in the Office yesterday.

"I am extremely pleased to have Basil Ottley join our team as Policy Director," said Kia'aina. "Basil has a wealth of policy experience at the federal and territorial levels of government. While he has a strong background of service to the people of the U.S. Virgin Islands, he also understands the complexities of issues that are facing the U.S. Pacific territories and freely associated states. It strengthens OIA to have a leadership team that reflects the diversity of the regions that fall under our jurisdiction."

As Policy Director, Ottley will be coordinating OIA and federal policies for the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and administering and overseeing U.S. federal assistance provided to the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau under the Compacts of Free Association. Together with OIA's Budget and Technical Assistance Directors, they are responsible for a budget of over $650 million for the insular areas.

During his previous tenure at the Office of Insular Affairs, Ottley was instrumental in linking OIA's initiatives to address unsustainable energy cost in the insular areas with the U.S. Department of Energy's international partnership, Energy Development in Island Nations. This linkage has fostered the development of significant public policy and the investment in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. He also served as a special advisor to the U.S. Department of State on issues involving Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands that were before the United Nations. Ottley joined the Office of Insular Affairs in 2008 as the Virgin Islands Desk Officer, and later accepted the assignment of the Virgin Islands Field Representative in 2010 when Interior decided to reopen a field office in the territory.

Before joining Interior, Ottley was elected to the 27th Virgin Islands Legislature in November 2006. Ottley identifies his authorship of Act 7027, which required the VI Bureau of Economic Research to develop an economic self-sufficiency standard (living wage), as his most significant accomplishment as a senator. The act was firmly rooted in the principle that the wages paid for an honest day's work should amount to enough for an individual to live a decent and sustainable existence without government assistance or the charity of others.

Ottley earned a Masters of Public Policy with a specialization in International Development from the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University and a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from the University of the Virgin Islands.

He was born on Puerto Rico, but he was raised in the U.S. Virgin Islands where his maternal and paternal families have resided for generations. Ottley grew up in the historic neighborhood of Savan on St. Thomas, attended and completed the Virgin Islands Montessori School and graduated from Antilles High School. Ottley is married to the former Kirsten Abrahams of St. Croix and they have two daughters, Serafina and Zindzhi. ***(OIA)***

High court affirms trial court's post-conviction relief order

On Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Commonwealth v. Bashar*, 2015 MP 4. There, the defendant, Mohammad A. Bashar, appealed the trial court's order denying his motion to set aside his plea of no contest to marriage fraud, claiming ineffective assistance of counsel.

The high court concluded the trial court did not abuse its discretion in considering the timeliness of Bashar's motion because it was not the only basis underlying the denial. The high court also held the trial court properly denied the motion without an evidentiary hearing because Bashar did not demonstrate that the existing record was insufficient to resolve issues concerning his ineffective assistance claim. Finally, the high court found that Bashar failed to support his claim that counsel did not inform him about the adverse immigration consequence of his plea. Therefore, the trial court's order was affirmed.

The Supreme Court's opinion is available at http://www.cnmilaw.org/supreme15.html. ***(NMI Judiciary)***

FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Applicants briefing today on Capital Hill

The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands government and the Federal Emergency Management Agency would like to invite all government agencies and eligible private non-profit organizations to attend an official Applicants Briefing to learn how to apply for FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

FEMA's Public Assistance program provides federal funds to reimburse a minimum of 75 percent of the costs for removing debris, conducting emergency protective measures and repairing levees, roads, bridges, public utilities, water control facilities, public buildings and parks. Mitigation funding may be considered in each project category.

The Applicant's Briefing will be held at the Governor's Office conference room on Capital Hill starting at 9am.

The Applicants Briefing should take no more than two hours, with attendance limited to two individuals from each agency due to limited space. This briefing will provide information about eligibility and the application process for the Public Assistance program, and give the opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions. Please plan on attending, or assigning a staff member to do so.

This Applicant's Briefing is for local governments and private non-profit organizations. Survivors are encouraged to apply for assistance by calling 800-621-3362 or (TTY) 800-462-7585. Those who use 711-Relay or Video Relay Services can call 800-621-3362 to register. Online registration is also available at www.DisasterAssistance.gov. Business owners can also contact the SBA Customer Service Center 1-800-659-2955 (SBA). ***(FEMA)***

Marine missing in Guam identified

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), at sea—U.S. Marine Corps officials have identified the Marine who went missing while swimming near Tumon Bay while on liberty in Guam as Pfc. Joshua J. Stewart, 20, of Sutter Creek, California.

Stewart is part of Combat Logistics Battalion 31, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa Japan.

The search for Stewart continues as the Marines, Navy and Coast Guard work together with Guam Fire and Rescue and local authorities to comb the area. Aerial and surface teams are involved in the search. ***(Marine Corps Activity Guam)***

KSPN2 News adds mobile video news, high definition programs

The CNMI's only television news station, KSPN, has added an Internet site to make it more accessible to mobile device users. Viewers may now access KSPN news at www.saipantv.com New shows will be added each evening Monday through Friday.

"We are proud to have produced a nightly newscast without missing a show, even through hardships such as Typhoon Soudelor," said KSPN news director Bob Coldeen.

Cable television service will be restored once the power poles are replaced.

"The news is more important than ever and our news team is literally working around the clock to cover both this disaster and the recovery efforts. With our radio partners 100.3 FM we are broadcasting the live news at 6pm and then the video version is available on our site a short time later. Saipantv.com also has a lot more than just news on it, as we've added lots of high definition feature content as well," said managing partner Chris Nelson. ***(KSPN)***

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IP&E Saipan is accepting applications for the following position:

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VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Board of Directors
Northern Marianas Humanities Council

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council (Council) wishes to announce a vacancy on its board of directors.

The Council is a non-profit private corporation affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. The Council's mission is to "foster awareness, understanding and appreciation of the humanities through support of educational programs that relate the humanities to the indigenous cultures and to the intellectual needs and interests of the people of the Commonwealth."

The Council's board is comprised of thirteen volunteer members who serve three year terms. The Council strives to maintain a board that reflects a broad cross section of our CNMI community. The ideal candidate will have a strong desire to promote the Council's mission, programs, and activities and to actively participate in fundraising activities. Board responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Attending regular Council meetings four times annually;
- Raising funds for Council programs;
- Recruiting community partners;
- Promoting awareness about the Council's mission and its programs in the community;
- Attending Council programs and activities;
- Participating in working committee meetings;
- Evaluating Council programs and activities;
- Reviewing grant applications;
- Providing input about the humanities from various community members, and
- Attending conferences, workshops and other meetings on behalf of the Council.

Applicants are invited to submit their letters of interest and resumes to **Robert H. Hunter, Chair, Northern Marianas Humanities Council at Post Office Box 506437 Saipan, MP 96950** or delivered to the Council's office located in the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai, Saipan. All letters of interest and resumes must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, **August 14, 2015**. For additional information, please contact the Council's Executive Director, Scott Russell, at telephone 235-4785 or visit the Council's website at www.northernmarianashumanities.org.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is inviting individuals to apply for the following position:

Legal Secretary
Duties & Responsibilities:
Works primarily with attorneys in setting up case files, keep case files current, and file pleadings with both Superior Court and U.S. District Court of the N.M.I. Accurately calendars court hearings and trials, monitor deadlines and track cases through the justice system; draft and proof read correspondences, photocopy, fax, print, use telephone techniques, e-mail use, and file.

Job Requirements:
Knowledge: Of law office practice (preferably litigation), familiarity with Superior Court and District Court procedures and legal terminology.

Equipment Skills: Use various office equipment including telephone, fax machine, copier, printer, computer, and occasionally a manual typewriter.

Software Skills: Proficient with word processing (preferably Microsoft Office Word) and Microsoft Outlook. Knowledge of Excel is beneficial.

Ability: To type at least 40 wpm (no errors); multi-task; be well organized; maintain a professional disposition; focus and concentrate in a stressful environment with heavy workloads and strict timelines; work independently and self-directed; maintain strict confidentiality; communicate effectively orally and in writing; follow verbal and written instructions; possess good interpersonal skills and establish effective working relationships with law enforcement, fellow employees, supervisors and the public; use proper sentence structure, punctuation, grammar and spelling; proof reading; accuracy; and attention to detail.

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To be considered for the position, applicants must have a high school diploma (or GED) and four (4) years secretarial or clerical experience with demonstrated competency in records management, word processing, and other routing office tasks requiring application of working level computer skills. Applicants with an equivalent combination of education and experience may be considered.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at Century Insurance Company Ltd. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Friday, August 21, 2015.

Century Insurance Company Ltd. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

31ST MEU continues Saipan typhoon relief efforts

USS BONHOMME RICHARD (LHD 6), at sea—Marines and sailors with the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit continue to assist local and federal agencies with relief efforts on Saipan after the island was struck by Typhoon Soudelor Aug. 2-3.

Marines and sailors of the 31st MEU, along with the USS *Ashland* (LSD 48), have been working to distribute relief supplies on Saipan since they arrived Aug. 7.

Four MV-22B Ospreys with Marine Medium Titlrotor Squadron 265 (Reinforced), 31st MEU, have also been staged in nearby Guam. They have been providing aerial lift support as part of relief efforts.

To date, the 31st MEU has delivered more than 11,400 gallons of water and 48,300 individual meals-ready-to-eat to five distribution sites across the island. Marines have also set up a Light Water Purification System to produce additional potable water for the people of Saipan. The USS *Ashland* is currently returning to Saipan with a high-production Tactical Water Purification System, multiple mobile water containers able to transport more than 2,000 gallons of water, equipment to repair and restore power and approximately 10,000 lbs of Red Cross relief goods. After arrival, the *Ashland* will produce up to 40,000 gallons of potable water a day to be distributed by the 31st MEU Marines.

The 31st MEU was conducting regularly scheduled training in the Asia-Pacific when they were redirected to support the relief efforts. ***(MEU Public Affairs Office)***

U.S. Marine Capt. Jeffery Butler hands water to locals at a shelter on Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

U.S. Marines help move boxes of water at Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Junior High School on Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

U.S. Marines help hand out food to locals at a shelter in Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

U.S. Marines move water bladders out of an MV-22B Osprey at Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015. The water bladders, able to hold 3,000 gallons, allow the distribution of water to those affected by the recent typhoon.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

U.S. Marines help move gear from an MV-22B Osprey to a 7-ton truck at Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

U.S. Marines help move boxes of water at a shelter in Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
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U.S. Marines hand water to locals at a shelter on Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
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U.S. Marines help guide locals to food and water at a shelter on Saipan, Aug. 9, 2015.
U.S. MARINE CORPS/CPL. RYAN C. MAINS

USS *Ashland* returns with more supplies, ARC pallets

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RESERVE CRAFT BEACH, Guam–A tractor carries cargo onto the deck of Landing Craft Utility 1666, assigned to Naval Beach Unit 7 for disaster relief efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor.

The USS *Ashland* returned to Saipan yesterday, bringing in more supplies to help in the recovery efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor's destruction.

The *Ashland* brought materials and equipment to aid in recovery operations.

"I'd like to thank the [Department of Defense], Marines, Army Corps of Engineers, CUC, [Guam Power Authority], everyone that's involved in bringing the necessary supplies for our CUC guys," Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres said.

Some of the equipment from the ship are a Ford Ranger utility truck, three bucket trucks, a digger, two Ford F-150s, and a step van.

It also brought in materials such as 700 bolts, 6,000 connectors and clamps, 200 braces and crossarms, 230 down guys, 820 lightning arresters and fuses, 80 grounding, 700 insulators, 400 splices, 200 washers, 100,000 wires, and 120 poles.

"GPA and CUC will expedite the process of restoring back our utility," Torres said, "Hopefully this will help them alleviate some of the shortage that they have."

"We're here as a result of the mission assignment that was provided to us by FEMA, that being transportation of assets from Guam to Saipan, as well as making water and distributing water," said U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Bette Bolivar, commander of the Joint Region Marianas.

"The DOD is here to support FEMA as we work collaboratively with the government of the CNMI and FEMA and everyone else," she added.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos as well as Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), and representatives of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. were also present to welcome back the USS *Ashland*.

ARC supplies

Ashland was also able to bring in supplies from the American Red Cross.

"It was an opportunity to bring the Red Cross pallets," Commander Daniel P. Duhan, commanding officer of USS *Ashland*, said. "We brought 44 pallets of Red Cross [supplies]."

According to ARC operations director Denise Everhart, they brought in coolers, buckets with lids, personal hygiene kits, tents, and tarps.

For other supplies, Torres said they are expecting other barges to come in.

Bolivar said they are doing everything they can to support the recovery efforts on Saipan.

"This is my second home. We're doing everything we can within the legal bounds to support FEMA and the resiliency that the people of Saipan displayed is commendable and we feel what you're going through and we're doing everything we can to support you," Bolivar said.

FEMA will renew 'air bridge' of relief goods to Saipan

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The air bridge of relief goods flying in from Guam to Saipan is set to close today, Aug. 12, but will be renewed as long as there is need on the ground, Federal Emergency Management Agency officials said yesterday.

FEMA established the air bridge—or the supply route—using commercial C-130s on Sunday. The route is contracted from Aug. 9 to Aug. 12.

The U.S. Department of Energy on Sunday said the air bridge would continue a "flow of generator sets and essential commodities" through today.

FEMA federal liaison officer Stephen DeBlasio clarified yesterday that this air bridge would be in effect as long as they need to be moving commodities between Guam and Saipan.

"And if the contract runs out…all we do is apply for more funding and extend the period," he said.

"That is not going to stop as long as there is a need here to keep that pipeline going to Saipan," DeBlasio told *Saipan Tribune*.

Typhoon Soudelor tore through Saipan over a week ago, crippling the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s power generation and distribution system. DOE has said that, based on preliminary assessments, 48 percent of the Saipan power grid is "inoperable" due to loss of power poles and downed lines.

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. expects to need a continuous stream of supplies to repair its downed system. Poles, transformers, and other equipment have been requested for full restoration efforts that so far do not have a timeframe, despite earlier reports of a timeframe of four to six weeks.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SIS start of classes on Aug. 17

Saipan International School classes will start on Aug. 17 with full days of school from 7:45am to 2:45pm. ***(PR)***

Kagman High seeks volunteers for cleanup

Kagman High School is asking for some support this week and next week for campus cleanup. We lost 10 of our trees in this last storm. We need help with chopping them up and debris removal. If you are willing and able, please come with your chainsaws and machete and bush cutters to help us make school ready for opening. We will be cleaning up everyday until next week. The more hands we have helping, the faster we can go. If you can't come and physically help with the cleanup, please consider donating food or drinks for volunteers. ***(PR)***

Medicaid now accepted at private clinics

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With the local hospital swamped with patients affected by Typhoon Soudelor, the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has finally given the go-signal for Medicaid patients to be accepted at private clinics.

Both adults and children are now being accepted at private clinics like Marianas Medical Center, Saipan Health Clinic, and Pacific Medical Center as of Aug. 10.

CHCC made the decision after closing the Family Care Clinic at the Commonwealth Health Center last Aug. 10 so that all personnel from the FCC clinic could be utilized in the hospital to augment the shortage on medical care services.

The Family Care Clinic eventually reopened yesterday.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña said she made the decision to extend Medicaid to private clinics after certifying that the hospital doesn't have enough physicians to treat patients due to the disaster and the highly needed resources for primary care.

"There is a disaster and there is a need for all resources to be utilized," Muña said.

Despite running on reserves and awaiting reconnection to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. power grid, the hospital is nearly fully occupied and constantly has more patients visiting CHC.

"Because FCC was very busy, we had to keep it open and there is still a need for more people so Medicaid services is accepted at private clinics and also there is a need for all resources because we are trying to make sure that they don't return with the same illness and people will have access to primary care," Muña said.

A Marianas Medical Center staffer has confirmed that they have been accepting Medicaid patients since Monday.

Red Cross begins casework; 3,000 called for assistance

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The American Red Cross started with their casework yesterday at their chapter office on Airport Road.

Today they will start talking to residents affected by Typhoon Soudelor at 8am and ARC said they will be open every day until they are able to talk to all affected.

"Everybody is meeting with a caseworker. They're explaining to us what their needs are, what their losses were due to the disaster and based on that information, we're assisting them," Mary Anderson, ARC service delivery site manager, said.

ARC has a list of more than 3,000 individuals who have called the chapter looking for assistance and they are calling those with greatest need to do one-on-one casework.

They will supply client assistance cards with some money for fuel, phone, and laundry as well as tarps, water, buckets, hygiene supplies, food and other supplies.

Dozens of people went to the ARC office yesterday as early as 7am but Anderson said they will not be able to process everyone who went there yesterday. Although that is the case, Anderson assures them that they will be processed and given assistance.

"Some people are afraid that we're going to run out of money, run out of stuff, we're not.

We're going to be here…as long as we need to be here," Anderson said.

She added that some more staff will be added to the five caseworkers that they have yesterday so that they will be able to process more cases in a day.

According to ARC's operations director Denise Everhart, they have two goals in addressing the needs of Saipan.

"If we can find out what they need and help them get back home, that's our No. 1 goal. Our No. 2 goal, for us the Red Cross is to give them resources," Everhart said.

While residents needing assistance must come to ARC personally on Airport Road for the casework, those who cannot due to limiting factors may call the ARC at 234-3459. ARC said they will work with FEMA and CNMI to accommodate those individuals on a case-by-case basis.

WITH ARRIVAL OF POWER GENERATORS

'No strain to fuel distribution' expected'

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Federal Emergency Management Agency officials do no anticipate a strain on the local fuel distribution system with the number of generators arriving on island to assist in power and water restoration.

"Absolutely not," FEMA federal liaison officer Stephen DeBlasio said when asked.

"With [Commonwealth Utilities Corp.] power plants down, all of the diesel fuel that they normally would be using everyday has allowed for there to be plenty of diesel fuel," DeBlasio said.

Saipan Tribune has noted the arrival of 107 generators for relief efforts from Aug. 8 to Monday.

Ten generators—ranging from 11.5 to 25 kilowatt power—were delivered on commercial carrier to Saipan on Aug. 8, the U.S. Department of Energy reports.

A total of 71 generators also arrived on the USS *Ashland*—ranging from 11.5 to 500 kilowatts—on Saturday and have been moved to FEMA's staging area at the Saipan Army Reserve Center for configuration and then to priority locations for operation.

Twenty-six generators—ranging from 100 to 240kw—arrived on Saipan from Hawaii on Monday, DOE reports.

There have been reports of increased demand for fuel from businesses and fuel stations as the crippled local power grid has forced the use of generators for operations.

DOE said Mobil reported on Monday that their "demand is significantly above normal levels." DOE did not specify further.

DOE has also said that Shell gas stations have expressed interest in bringing in a fuel tanker to "provide more gasoline to customers" due to high sales volume of gasoline.

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The ultimate workplace sin: Emails with exclamation points!

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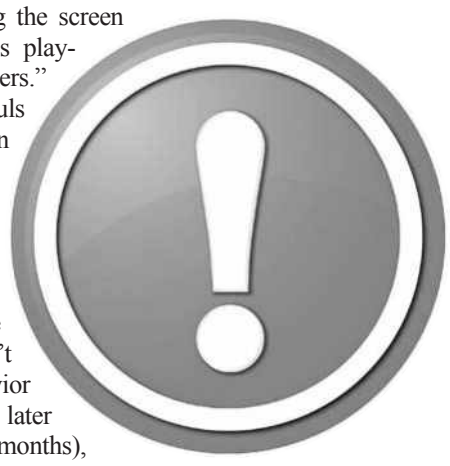
The office workers of America are guilty of a grievous sin. I've done it, and chances are, so have you. If you haven't, you most certainly have had it done to you.

I'm talking, of course, about the gluttonous use of the exclamation point in a work email. A damnable act, for sure, but salvation is within reach.

First, let's identify the transgressors. Do you fall into any of these categories?

■ New hires. They are often eager to show their earnestness, promise and I'm-just-so-happy-to-be-here attitude. The exclamation mark comes out in full force in their emails. It looks as if their missives are under attack, these missile-shaped points of passion littering the screen as if the reader is playing "Space Invaders." Some poor souls even do this when communicating with superiors. At first, newbies get a pass. But the longer you use 'em, the harder to lose 'em. If you don't shut this behavior down quickly (no later than, say, three months), you will become lost, relegated to a life of wandering the punctuation desert.



■ Reciprocal users. When these well-meaning workers see ! in an email to themselves, they can't help but put some in their response. After all, one good turn deserves another. Or maybe they simply feel obligated. Breaking from this self-inflicted peer pressure is tough, but it can be done with discipline, willpower, and the right attitude.

■ Excited closers. They feel the need to add a little more oomph to their sign-off. "Thanks" and "Many thanks" are the signatures most seen abetting the exclamation point. When did those words become so weak they needed a crutch to steady them? And shouldn't gratitude include at least some level of humility? (Some may not even realize they do this, but, as the courts have shown, ignorance is not a justification for wrongdoing.)

■ The sarcastic. These clever folks use exclamation marks under the guise of sincerity, eagerness, and joy, though the real intended usage is mostly sardonic. Personally, I applaud the usage in these instances.

■ Human exclamation points. These people are chipper and peppy in email and real life. They not only use exclamation marks, they embody them. They seem to enjoy life and appear happy, but I am skeptical, at best.

So how can we get clean? How can we free ourselves from the shackles of melodramatic messaging, brownnosing notes, or, at best, insincere email excitement?

There's only one way. We have to go cold turkey.

Cut it off at the root, before the practice has a chance to grow

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Soudelor's *tangan-tangan*

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The story is common enough that though we can quibble on the details the whole is believable. The *tangan-tangan* that dominates our "forest" landscape is hardly native to the islands.

It is said that after the Marianas raised sufficient sugar for Japan before World War II, Hawaiian sugar business did not welcome any competition so instead of having the Marianas revert to the manicured sugar cane fields Japan had, the navy flew and dropped bushels of *tangan-tangan* seeds instead, and STaR (Saipan, Tinian, and Rota) has been overwhelmed with *tangan-tangan* ever since.

Soudelor raked all the trees but also revealed the fragility of the *tangan-tangan* tree and perhaps it is time to reevaluate their growth in our forests. One of the residents in my complex, looking out to the hills toward Tapuchao commented that she could actually see beautiful houses on the slopes without cover of the *tangan-tangan.*

Tangan-tangan is a fast growing tree, doubling height of six feet easily within six months. The young leaves feed livestock, and the tree barks are gathered for firewood, sometimes charred for charcoal, though that is not one of its virtues. Its bark is unlike the hardwood needed to make good charcoal.

But it is now 70 years since the *little boy* and *fat man* were flown out of Tinian to usher us to the atomic age. Also, sugar has left the slopes of Mauna Koa, and the creole families that took over have since divested themselves of real estate; the ukulele sounds at Kamehameha highway and Kalakaua boulevard have become part of the local scene again.

Nippon's sugarcane field of the Marianas never gained productive prominence again as the islands' value was pegged on its military strategic position to Uncle Sam's interests. The islands were neglected during the Cold War as containment policy in the Far East was fought through subservient South Korea and compliant Japan, focusing more on the Russians and only incidentally on China, perceived to be too weak to feed its people on its agrarian economy.

That changed when the bamboo curtain opened up to Walmart; manufacturing lowered both the prices and quality of commodities around the world. The Enfield was never fired for China had the fiscal example of Uncle Sam to follow, and Obama did not want a shooting gallery.

The devaluation of the global currency left the Federal Reserve's power to print money on the basis of financial preeminence. The U.S. rode on its financing of WWII loans as overseas payments to the local economy was inflationary so it created the World Bank-International Monetary Fund to retain the returns from the Marshall Plan, used to align needy nations while containing inflation in the U.S. America had its cake, and ate it, too!

With the U.S. appearing altruistic, it nonetheless utilized 80 percent of the world's resources in a non-replicable lifestyle that justified the Malthusian analysis of not enough resources to go around for all when production lags behind population growth.

China became the world's cheap production line but avoided inflation by buying into government bonds and securities of its trading partners. It urbanized, cut down on population growth, and bought Treasury bills. The enemy to be contained emerged with a front seat at the stock exchange. China has its cake, but we do not think it should eat it, too!

China saw its externally seeded *tangan-tangan* that made its economy huge but easily at the mercy of foreign investments in Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Xiang Gang (HK). So Beijing decided to manage its fiscal terrain by investing in public works that saw infrastructure in rail and highway, and the first maglev between Beijing and Shenyang that will cut a normally four-hour rapid rail travel into two.

Then it created new communities on the premise that if the "field of dreams" were built "they would come" (I reside in a "ghost town" where a fourth of the buildings are occupied but the rest are idle, yet the whole development is fully subscribed to and sold out).

Presently, it roots corrupt practices out of its ranks. *"You can't be rich and work for the government at the same time,"* is my favored Xijinping quote. Media guess which of the charges of corruption is politically motivated, or who is targeted by "draconian measures to ensure CPC stranglehold on the nation." Yo! Check who sits in the Politburo's Committee of Seven!

What makes BSI's casino pitch on Saipan viable is a chastened *Aomen* (Macau) that has the Portuguese playing outside the purview of Lisbon (as long as they go to confession after; China has no *restitutium in integrum* for wayward officials). The anti-mainland sentiments of forces in Manila, Kuala Lumpur, and Singapore drive earnest *renminbi* away. The CNMI's historic tolerance of uncouth visitors to its relatively pristine shores is making the place a gaming capital of the Pacific!

Soudelor is to be thanked for leaving bare the foothills of Saipan so we can re-decide our habitat, the *tangan-tangan* in our landscape, and perhaps, also the *tangan-tangan* of our minds, but most importantly, those in our souls!

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'The Day After Tomorrow?'

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It seems a given that being situated in the typhoon belt since time begun that a contingency plan would be in place in the event we're hit with a superstorm. Most importantly, a Standard Operating Procedure would be in place to ensure we get to displaced victims on a timely basis.

But this so-called SOP doesn't exist. Employees from the social and health sectors aren't necessarily ready for major disasters. Their lack of competence isn't their fault. Blame city hall for piling up drone employees who collect high paying loot as political hires!

Moreover, whatever happened to the proclamation on Disaster Preparedness signed by a former impeached and convicted governor in September of 2010? What about the interagency emergency team that was never deployed? Is conundrum the new culture the more than 3,000 public sector employees who collect highly paid loot as do-nothing apostles of useless bosses?

We were running around like some headless chicken trying to define with a warped sense of command and control what orders go out first. So-called "official information" have been retardant, some of which were wrong. There's gas rationing as though there's factually fuel shortage and water rationing of 100 gallons per family. Ludicrous! Did the administration issue 100-gallon containers to families throughout the villages? *Diberas na che`chu` miron.*

There's also the lighter side to the prevailing disaster: A KKNP announcer urged everyone to be "patient, clean around the yard and fill up your buckets." Patience has expired, but fill up my buckets when there's no water in village pipes? Some komun sense is in order!

Then some unthinking politician was looking around for former CUC CEO Alan Fletcher to blame for the lack of water and power. Wrong! It was a natural disaster envenomed by a calamity whose genesis is the sole preserve of evil geniuses on imperial Capital Hill! I can't fathom the instant alienation of the folks in the villages.

Imagine the deficient and apathetic attitude of the elected elite if and when a major earthquake hits the CNMI. Storms could be tracked but there's no technology yet to monitor earthquakes. When the Philippine and Pacific plates meet, therein we would see how of Earth's crust hits beyond what the Richter scale could record. We'd be headless chickens once more, *halo*?

Anybody home? Frustrated and helpless, we brave insanity by juggling the family budget looking for more pennies, nickels and dimes, hoping for different results. None!

Finding hope is hard under persistent depressed economic conditions. We wake up to another break of dawn hoping for miracles rising out of the eastern skies of paradise. None!

In the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor you wonder how agile is the administration helping folks rebuild their lives with common decency. I know the Red Cross was out immediately on the streets helping. Anybody else? Ooops! No photo-ops since this isn't a trash collection excursion.

What about the 29 legislators? Is its silence and inaction one of political alignment in servility to avoid fulfilling their fiduciary duty? Why the seeming contentment with apathy and spinelessness? Any constructive spout from the presiding officers of the legislature or is its deafening silence an inexplicable mixture of incompetence and callousness?

Either the evil geniuses on imperial Capital Hill are ignorant, sporting nervous tummy laughs (now turned into an art) or have turned purposeful "negligence" a part of their daily routine. Wow! Admirable though legislators who brave talking of issues to impress us, with less than educated view of the fiscal crisis at home. Are you wary if our canoe is sinking or are its sails ripped and shredded already? What's your take?

Folks everywhere quietly though persistently ask, "Where's our stinking raise?" Realistically, there's nothing up that alley. Thus far they have endured more than a decade of stagnant wages and salaries.

Yet, each must endure huge increases in health insurance, health deductibles, and basic commodities, among others. Unfortunately, empty promises are now in full bloom! It's the obvious plunder in the livelihood of ordinary citizens in recent past.

My assessment may be a bit pessimistic but it's the reality here. Interestingly, south of the NMI Guam's visitor industry is expanding by leaps and bounds. It has completed over $70 million airport runway improvement to accommodate expanding transit passengers and the anticipated robust cargo business this year. Ours? It shrinks even further by year's end. Are we even wary of these impending events before they unfold?

Induction: The NMI has gone through a lot this year. It shifted gear in white-collar-crime like corruption, conviction, ah, yes, commutation! We should add the term "induction" for those in the wings that took freebies on trips to Hong Kong and Macau last year to escort the casino legislation.

Trashy Pix: Legislators aren't ready for their usual excursion picking up trash islandwide. They're complaining there's just too much trash! Someone asked why the refusal. The lame excuse is: "because they don't picture us `nai?" Seesuzzzz!

Tradition: Magoo perked coffee on traditional wooden stove, including rice and sautéed corned beef cooked with lush green onions and bell pepper. If anything, traditional the native stove may be, it still has use in modern day NMI. It may be hard firing it up with damp wood after the storm, but once it lights up cooking is easy.

Maybe, and just maybe, some evil genius would submit to humility to listen to the voice of tradition. I would revisit it and challenge the big boys to make a difference. These issues have begun on Guam and are highly successful. A little use of the cranium and we could replicate what has been a part of us since time immemorial.

EMAILS

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into a weed that chokes the professional life out of your email communications. Once you quit, you'll notice that beyond making things seem louder than they need to be, there's not much benefit to using them.

Remember: Keep your business emails to the point and focused on your task at hand. Let your nouns, verbs, commas, and periods do the work. They are more than capable, and they look nicer.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The promise of education hasn't been delivered

The promise of education for our people hasn't been delivered yet by our leaders. We need to start shaping up our scholarship system to educate our children to work for our community—not invest our money for them to work somewhere else. We need to guarantee our investors that our college will provide training and education for their workforce needs and seek their financial assistance to pay for college. Our leaders haven't done that yet.

Why is the Northern Marianas College closed on Tinian? Why are we paying the Tinian gaming commissioners $80,000 each yet until now they don't have a program to help us get a decent job training program so our people can work for Dynasty and earn a decent salary for their needs? Plus, what are they doing that the casino now is in jeopardy of losing investor support and their employees?

This is a threat to our economy and the trust of our investors. Mayors should have invested in providing education to those commissioners that they planned to appoint. It is sad that they closed our college; it could have been a useful tool to educate our commissioners in gaining the trust of our investors.

Why are many government employees sitting down doing nothing but gossiping and judging others? You might say it is their parents' fault. Well, while I was unemployed I studied their behavior and the reason behind it all. And I noticed that whoever is responsible for their position isn't doing what is required to deliver the promise of education. Supporting education is not only giving the school budget. Supporting education is also providing assistance in guiding government employee with the career they are working for. For example, if they are a public relations officer, the personnel office should be evaluating that individual's annual or quarterly performance and providing feedback on what part of his/her duties he/she needs to improve on and how. Such as what classes or trainings he needs to take to improve and share this needs with our community college. Do you understand what I mean? Has this been done? Again this is a loss of investment for our college and the government giving them so much money for salary, which end up being used for drugs, gambling, and other things that can be harmful to their wellbeing.

If I'm in that position, I would make a payroll deduction for their training needs and improve their skills, so that they can provide better services. In this way their attendance for training can be monitored and evaluated by the college. With this kind of program, all three—the government, the college and the employee—benefit from it. Our tax dollars is invested wisely.

They say the local people are lazy and don't like to work. Well, I don't blame them. Our government system is responsible for them being like that. It pays them a lot for sitting down and doing whatever they want to do, instead of using that salary to educate them to improve their skills to develop an effective government system that will help improve our economy instead of destroying it.

Many unemployed individuals are suffering due to the need for education and training in order to make a living. All they know is farming, cleaning, being a waiter, and all low-salaried labor. Why? Because that is the only training and education they have. Not helping them improve with an effective system will only leads to stress, desperation, and destruction.

We are in jeopardy of both losing our government and our culture. If we don't end this game now, guess who is going to take over. U.S. Immigration is granting citizenship to many of these educated CWs who have children born and raised in the CNMI. Guess who will take over if we don't shape up and take care of each other?

End this political game and start protecting your people by providing them with all their educational needs. Because if you don't, come that time, you're the one who is going to suffer more, because our children are going to support them too, because you are neglecting them.

My brother who is a licensed electrical engineer came back several years ago and offered to work here on Tinian. Guess what our mayor and governor said? This so sad, our CUC issue could have been fixed but greedy politicians with conflict of interest turned him down. Now my brother is working in the mainland and has his own business for electrical services. They are been contracted by several cities and companies for electrical services. My brother has the skills to create programs, design parts, train employees, manage our CUC and address all issues that we are facing today. He has the capacity to address Congress with the many issues that we are facing today with our workforce issues. Although the municipality did not fund most of his education, he was willing to work for our government for a smaller salary than what he was earning, for he loves our island and wishes to come home. Too bad we lost him already.

My brother was not the only one treated that way by our government. There are many who graduated and left because the promise to support education is just to win the people's vote of confidence. Yes, they give the college money, but what did the board and management do with it? That I don't see. The curriculum they are using is the basic requirements to comply with the accreditation team. This is okay, but not so okay when our cultural value is being diminished little by little. It won't be long before we all pay the price for our leaders' desperation and choices they make.

If you agree with me, then help me and address your concerns to our leaders. It is time to demand their attentions to our needs for skills trainings. Stop sitting down and judging others' performance, but instead look for ways to improve your skills so that in the future you can benefit from it. Stop wasting your time on others' performances or business. Concentrate on learning skills to improve your credentials. Go to work everyday looking for skills to learn so that you can improve yourself.

Winnie Atalig
San Jose, Tinian

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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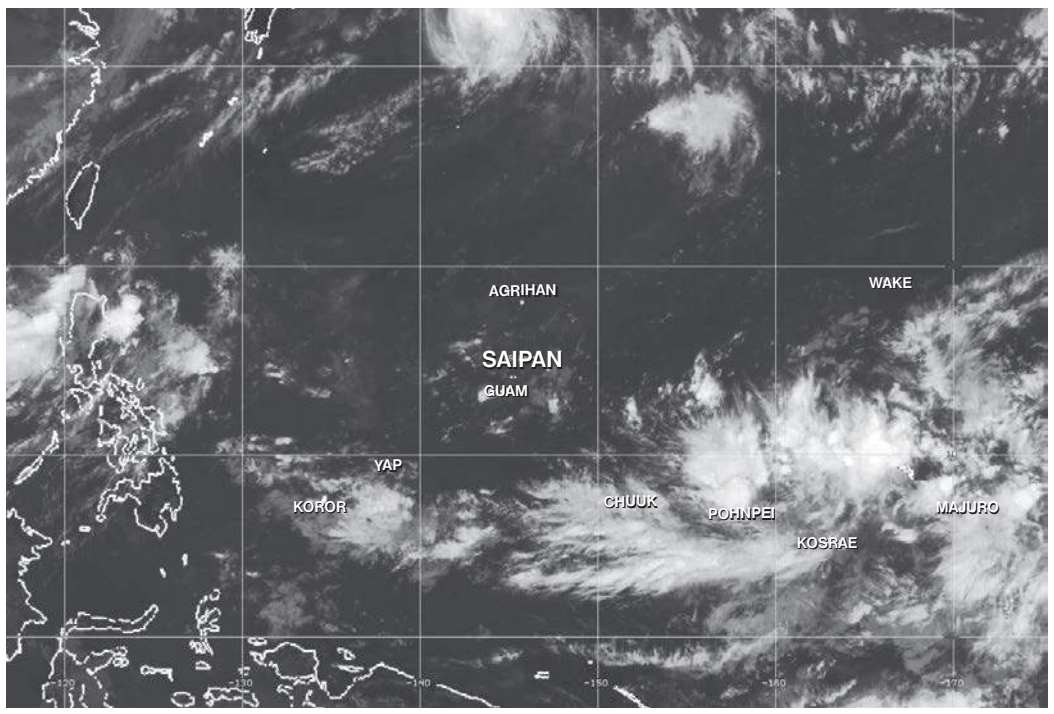
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough runs eastward from a weak circulation just east of Yap at 9N141E through another circulation northeast of Pohnpei at 8N160E then across the Marshall Islands to beyond the date line at 7N180. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms southeast of Yap and east of Koror are between 5N and 9N from 136E to 144E. Patchy areas of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over eastern Micronesia from Chuuk state across Pohnpei and Kosrae states and the Marshall Islands are between the equator and 11N from 150E to the date line and southeast of Wake Island within 75 miles of a line from 15N170E to 12N173E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼42
Beijing	Sunny	▲95	▼70
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
Honolulu	Showers	▲89	▼78
London	Partly Cloudy	▲73	▼65
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲83	▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲89	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲53	▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲91	▼78
New York	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼70
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲95	▼77
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼73
Pusan	Rain	▲82	▼75
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼60
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼57
Seoul	Sunny	▲91	▼70
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲90	▼78
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲86	▼70

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Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:58 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
6:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
1:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
8:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	6:03 AM	6:42 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:45 AM	4:48 PM
Thursday	4:37 AM	5:35 PM
Friday	5:27 AM	6:18 PM
Saturday	6:17 AM	7:00 PM
Sunday	7:05 AM	7:39 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JULY 2, 2015

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:20pm	2:55pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 3, 6, 7
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	4, 5
7C3401	3:15pm	7:35pm	3, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	5:30am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/701	2:25am	11:05am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/701	3:20am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	Daily via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/275	6:05am	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	8:50pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:40am	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:50pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6
OZ626	3:20am	7:00am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ6063/721	2:25am	11:50am	3, 4, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	3:20am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/179	4:15am	9:55pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:05pm	2:40pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ6053	7:55pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
OZ625	8:20pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:30pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL276/288	9:30am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/6053	12:15pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	7:30am+1	3 via GUM
PR110/UA5071	10:05pm	8:05am+1	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	1:50pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:40pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:25pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:10pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	1:50pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/6053	1:10pm	1:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:50am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	1:50pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5077	9:55pm	2:35pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
12:30NN	12:45NN	Daily
1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
12:00NN	12:15NN	Daily
1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

Life & Style

Aniston's secret wedding officiated by Kimmel, Stern says

NEW YORK (AP)—Howard Stern has revealed details about the secret wedding between Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux, including that Jimmy Kimmel officiated.

Stern was a guest at the Los Angeles ceremony last Wednesday that Aniston and Theroux disguised as a birthday bash for Theroux. Stern said on his radio show Monday that he knew beforehand that it was a wedding because the couple asked him to give a speech.

But Stern said the affair was extremely secretive and that guests had to hand over their phones. He said Kimmel did "a beautiful job" officiating, and that Sia performed.

Other guests, he said, included Ellen DeGeneres, Whitney Cummings and Orlando Bloom.

The marriage is the second for 46-year-old Aniston, who got divorced from Brad Pitt in 2005, and the first for 44-year-old Theroux.

AP
In this Feb. 22, 2015 file photo, Justin Theroux, left, and Jennifer Aniston arrive at the Oscars in Los Angeles.

Bradley Cooper keeps eye on TV show 'Limitless' from afar

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Bradley Cooper has been on stage in London but keeping an eye on "Limitless," a new TV series version of his 2011 big-screen film.

He "checks in pretty regularly, just actor to actor," said Jake McDorman, who plays the lead role in CBS' drama debuting Sept. 22. "I'm thankful for his availability."

McDorman and Cooper, who is an executive producer on the series and has a recurring role, share another screen credit: They were in "American Sniper," which earned Cooper an Oscar nomination.

Cooper reprised his "The Elephant Man" Broadway role in London, wrapping the run last weekend. But he helped long-distance with major "Limitless" plot points and tone, executive producers Craig Sweeny and Alex Kurtzman told a TV critics' meeting Monday.

In the series, McDorman plays Brian Finch, a man whose use of a brain-enhancing drug, NZT, makes him invaluable to the FBI in solving complex cases. Cooper appears as a presidential hopeful who also takes NZT and has his own plans for Finch.

"Limitless" the movie starred Cooper as a NZT-using writer who faces his own dangers because of the drug.

The series also stars Jennifer Carpenter, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio and Hill Harper.

James Brolin says Barbra Streisand likes a working husband

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—James Brolin says wife Barbra Streisand is delighted with his role on the new sitcom "Life in Pieces."

"'Oh, boy, great. Go to work!'" was her reaction, a smiling Brolin told a TV critics' meeting Monday. "'Get out of the house, get out of the hammock.'"

"Life in Pieces" tells the story of an extended family through their milestone moments. For family patriarch John, played by Brolin, that includes staging a cheerful mock funeral to mark his 70th birthday.

The half-hour series' ensemble cast also includes Dianne Wiest, Zoe Lister-Jones, Colin Hanks and Betsy Brandt. It debuts Sept. 21.

Brolin, 75, joked that he was reconsidering taking the job.

"Malibu in the summer, in the hammock," he said, referring to the seaside Southern California city where he and Streisand live. "I'm surprised I'm working."

Sam Smith joins Madame Tussauds collection in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—British pop superstar Sam Smith has unveiled his life-size wax statue at Madame Tussauds in San Francisco and he is inviting fans to cozy up to it.

The Grammy Award winner visited the museum Monday and told fans "Feel free to touch my wax bum!"

After the reveal, Smith took several photographs of him kissing and licking the statue on the cheek and published them on his social media accounts.

The 23-year-old singer says he sat for about four hours with a team of Madame Tussauds artists but then lost weight and had to pose again.

Smith's song "Stay With Me" won Grammys for song and record of the year and he also was named best new artist in February. The singer's "In the Lonely Hour" was named best pop vocal album.

What Stephen Colbert says about Trump as opening night nears

Colbert

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—With Donald Trump's presidential bid generating news as well as comedy gold, Stephen Colbert is itching to get his share of the laughs once he returns to the air Sept. 8 as host of CBS' "The Late Show."

"Every night I light a candle that he stays in the race until Sept. 8," Colbert says. "But I also hope that nobody gets that candle too close to his hair."

In the meantime, off the air and with no venue, "I'm just dry-Trumping," Colbert added, then, impressed with his pun, stopped to tweet it from the stage as he met with TV critics on Monday.

Other things he said during this session: George Clooney will guest on opening night, with Kendrick Lamar (who performed on the final "Colbert Report" last fall) his first musical guest.

■ Like Stephen Colbert, the right-wing blowhard he played for 11 years on "The Colbert Report," the real-life Stephen Colbert is honestly afraid of bears: "If something's gone bad in my life, I dream about bears."

■ He's pledging to maintain the eclectic mix of guests he hosted on "The Colbert Report," including artists, intellectuals, "politicians of all stripes," and even ordinary folks: "Somebody who's not famous but who's got something to say, I think that would be the perfect guest to have."

"I'm a comedian, but my favorite thing on the ('Report') became doing the interviews," he added—not the scripted material. "I got into comedy to do improvisation. When you're interviewing people, you don't know what's going to happen, and that's much closer to how I learned my craft."

■ He and his staff moved into the offices above Manhattan's Ed Sullivan Theater—former home of David Letterman and his "Late Show"—only last week, and the set is under construction now. Among the physical changes from Dave's decades-long reign: the host desk will be found across the stage.

During a recent conversation with Letterman that Colbert characterized as candid and warm, he asked Dave if there's anything about his own tenure he would have changed. Letterman said he would have liked to have his desk on the opposite side of the stage.

Colbert said he promptly called the production designer: "I have terrible news. Reverse the set, because I want to try that, too."

Husband embraces online contact all too eagerly

DEAR ABBY: Are senior citizens having more affairs these days? I used to laugh at the "old couples' sex letters" I'd see in your column -- until it hit home.

My husband (age 68) ran into a 38-year-old ex-waitress friend. They had lunch, which led to emails and texts, which led to sexts and then a full-blown affair. I believe these personal/secretive forms of communication make going from texting to sexting much too easy.

Our generation didn't have much sexual freedom growing up. I think men of that generation have a "go for it before it's too late" mentality, and the combination of the Internet and Viagra is making it possible.

Should every couple insist on access to their spouse's devices? How do you broach the subject? I wish I had seen the number of texts being sent early on. Then this whole ugly affair might have been averted. Now my trust, my respect and our marriage are all in crisis.

SHARON IN NAPLES, FLA.

DEAR SHARON: Technology and medicine are extending the sex lives of many seniors these days. However, I don't think it's necessary for couples to check each other's electronic devices if there is no cause for suspicion. In your case, because of your husband's infidelity, you do have that right—and the way to broach the subject is to tackle it head on. And if you haven't already, insist that your husband join you in marriage counseling.

DEAR ABBY: I am dating a guy (seriously) who is fantastic. "Kyle" is smart, trustworthy, kind—and incredibly gorgeous. The problem is, he has two Boston terriers who drive me crazy—one in particular whose breathing is so loud all the time that we can't even hear a TV program or each other speak. That dog is super hyper and has destroyed numerous things in my house. Kyle's house reeks of doggy odor, and the dogs also have horrible gas and vomit often.

If we are staying over at my place, his dogs come with him. I hate it! It is the weirdest thing, but I notice my anxiety level rises when the dogs are here, running around and snorting uncontrollably. There are other issues, but I don't want to write a novel.

I am trying to live in the moment and not let it bother me. But in this moment, it is intrusive and annoying. What can I do?

BRYAN IN CHICAGO

DEAR BRYAN: Kyle may be gorgeous, but he doesn't appear to be a very responsible pet owner. He should have asked his veterinarian to check his dogs when he realized they were having repeated gastrointestinal upsets. As to the poor animals' breathing, it may be because short-faced dogs are prone to breathing problems.

It's possible that Kyle is so used to the doggy odor in his house that he no longer smells it. That's why it couldn't hurt to tell him YOU have noticed it, that it's overwhelming, and it's time to get a professional cleaning crew in there.

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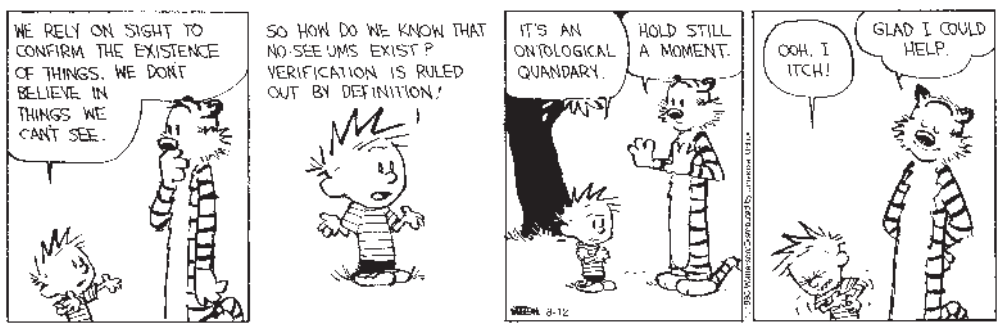
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


WE RELY ON SIGHT TO CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF THINGS. WE DON'T BELIEVE IN THINGS WE CAN'T SEE.
SO HOW DO WE KNOW THAT NO-SEE-UMS EXIST? VERIFICATION IS RULED OUT BY DEFINITION!
IT'S AN ONTOLOGICAL QUANDARY.
HOLD STILL A MOMENT.
OOH, I ITCH!
GLAD I COULD HELP.

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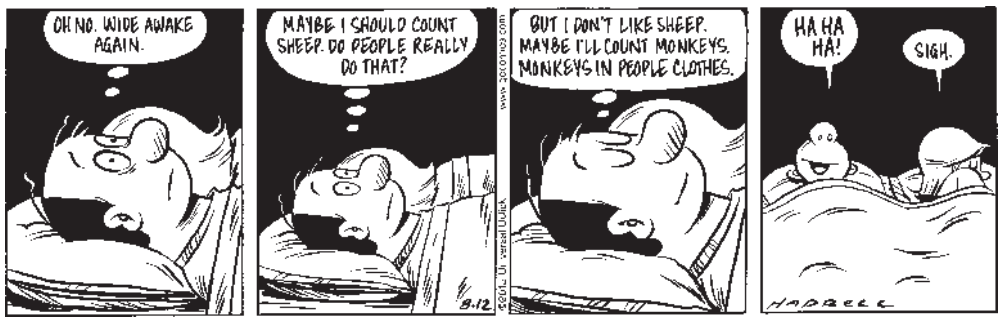
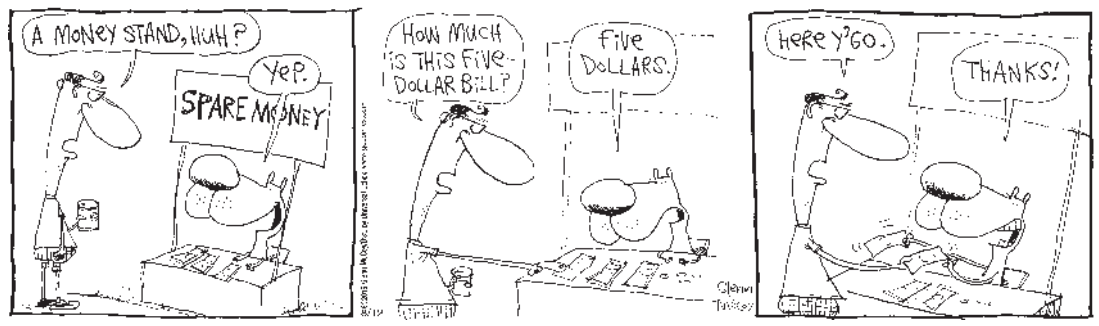

OH NO. WIDE AWAKE AGAIN.
MAYBE I SHOULD COUNT SHEEP. DO PEOPLE REALLY DO THAT?
BUT I DON'T LIKE SHEEP. MAYBE I'LL COUNT MONKEYS. MONKEYS IN PEOPLE CLOTHES.
HA HA HA!
SIGH.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Spacecraft compartments
5 Scatter seed
8 Couple, to TMZ
12 Neighborhood
13 — Beta Kappa
14 Small plateau
15 Dosage measurer
17 Low voice
18 Chief island of Japan
19 Attic space
21 "Of course"
22 Tater
23 Chapeau
26 Bankroll
28 Arousing goose bumps
31 Notion
33 Rawls or Reed
35 Do a pre-laundry task
36 Song of praise
38 Conclusion
40 Cause of royal insomnia?
41 Dressed
43 Glutton
45 Stick
47 Whiteboard accessory
51 Jail, at sea
52 Tinker, Evers or Chance
54 Highway division
55 Blunder
56 Hostels
57 Quiche needs
58 Scarlet
59 Spruced up

DOWN
1 Maze option
2 Sandwich cookie
3 Campus VIP
4 Impudent
5 Be a husband or wife
6 Discoverer's call
7 Flight needs
8 Stains
9 Earring shape, often
10 Being (Lat.)
11 Sail holder
16 "That's a relief!"
20 Mimic
23 With it
24 Classifieds
25 Education
27 Buck's mate
29 Anger
30 Greek vowel
32 Claims
34 Not loud enough
37 Ruin the veneer
39 Coed quarters, maybe
42 Dissuade
44 Street urchin
45 Competent
46 Haul
48 Logical
49 Sicilian spouter
50 Whatever remains
53 Prior to

Solution time: 23 mins.

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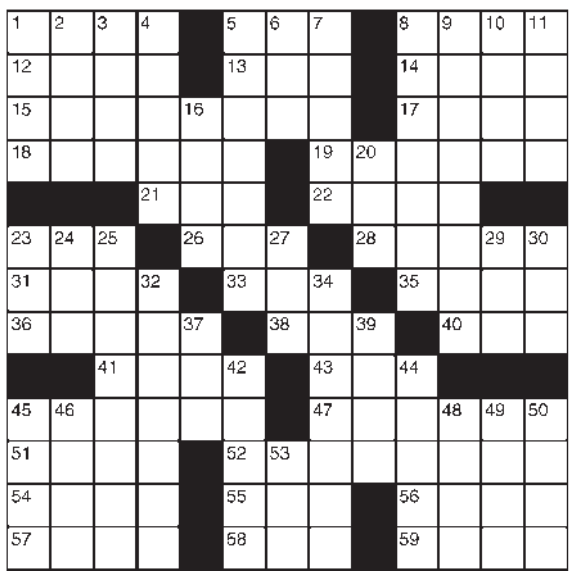

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let anyone coax you into making a decision if you aren't ready. Consider a physical activity that will help ease your stress and get you into tip-top shape. Love is highlighted, and a serious personal move is heading your way. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't let what others do or say stop you from following through with your plans. Step outside your comfort zone if it will help you connect with someone you want to collaborate with. Trust in your abilities and forge ahead. ✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Don't mix money with emotions. Overspending in order to impress someone will have the opposite effect. Consider building your assets, not squandering what you've worked so hard to acquire. Lending or borrowing will lead to problems and should not be considered. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Emotions are surfacing. Don't let your imagination run wild. Rather than make assumptions about what you think is going on around you, take a step back and focus on your own personal accomplishments. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Someone will take advantage of you if you aren't careful. Stand up for your rights instead of giving in just to keep the peace. Your insight into future trends will help you make wise choices regarding your financial and personal affairs. ✪✪✪

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LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Keep a level head when dealing with those using emotional tactics to push you one way or another. Observe what everyone is doing and keep your thoughts and feelings to yourself until you are sure you are doing what's best for you. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Your serious approach to money matters will help you secure your financial position and ease your stress. A serious commitment to someone you think is special will help you see your future plans more clearly. Don't let others hold you back. ✪✪✪

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Murphy has big hit after Gray lifted, Mets beat Rockies

NEW YORK (AP)—Daniel Murphy drove in two runs with a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning as the Mets came back for a 4-2 victory over Colorado on Monday night.

The Mets wasted three-run leads in two straight losses to Tampa Bay last weekend, then went ahead against Colorado on Travis d'Arnaud's first homer since June 20. It was the only hit for the NL East leaders off Jon Gray, the hard-throwing right-hander making his second major league start.

Carlos Gonzalez hit a two-run shot in the fourth off Jonathon Niese (7-9). It was Gonzalez's 13th homer since the All-Star break.

The Mets loaded the bases against Justin Miller (1-1) in the seventh after Gray, the No. 3 overall draft pick in 2013, was pulled after 75 pitches. Miller gave up a single to d'Arnaud, walked Michael Conforto and Ruben Tejada. Boone Logan entered and hit Curtis Granderson with a full-count pitch to tie it.

Murphy then grounded a single past diving shortstop Jose Reyes for a 4-2 lead.

AP

Colorado Rockies pitcher Jon Gray delivers against the New York Mets during the first inning of a baseball game, Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, in New York.

Royals 4, Tigers 0

In Kansas City, Missouri, Johnny Cueto threw a four-hitter in his home debut with the Royals.

Cueto (1-1) did not allow a runner past second base, struck out eight and walked none. It was his sixth career shutout and second this season. Cueto was acquired from Cincinnati on July 26 for three pitching prospects.

Tigers lefty Matt Boyd, who was acquired from Toronto on July 30 in the David Price trade, gave up three runs in the first inning.

Boyd (1-3), who beat Cueto and the Royals 2-1 last Wednesday when he allowed seven hits and one run over seven innings in his Tigers debut, gave up singles to Alcides Escobar and Ben Zobrist on his first two pitches.

Lorenzo Cain doubled to center, scoring both. Kendrys Morales' one-out single produced the third run of the inning.

White Sox 8, Angels 2

In Chicago, Chris Sale allowed two runs and five hits in 7 1-3 innings, and Avisail Garcia homered twice to drive in four runs for the White Sox.

Tyler Flowers added a solo shot to back Sale (10-7), who didn't allow more than one baserunner in an inning until Johnny Giavotella drove in two runs with a double in the seventh.

Angels starter Matt Shoemaker (5-8) had thrown 19 consecutive scoreless innings before Melky Cabrera's sacrifice fly put Chicago ahead 1-0 in the first.

Shoemaker hadn't allowed a run in his last three starts, but was tagged for seven and nine hits in 5 2-3 innings as Los Angeles dropped its seventh straight on the road.

Garcia had his third career multihomer game to reach 11 for the season, and his three-run drive was the big blow as the White Sox sent nine hitters to the plate and pulled away with a four-run sixth.

Diamondbacks 13, Phillies 3

In Phoenix, Welington Castillo equaled a career high with four RBIs, and Yasmany Tomas and A.J. Pollock homered to lead Arizona.

Arizona scored three runs in the fifth to break a 2-2 tie, highlighted by Castillo's solo shot with two outs. Castillo has eight home runs and 14 RBIs in his last 12 games.

Castillo went deep to center in the fifth for his 15th home run and a 5-2 lead.

The Diamondbacks put up six runs in the sixth with Castillo driving in three with a triple and scoring on a single by Tomas.

Peralta finished 3 for 5 with two RBIs and Pollock had three hits.

Phillies starter Aaron Harang (5-13) left after 5 1-3 innings having allowed eight runs and 12 hits.

Arizona starter Rubby De La Rosa (10-5) lasted six innings and allowed three runs and eight hits.

Nationals 8, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Gio Gonzalez scattered seven hits over eight scoreless innings and Ian Desmond hit two homers as Washington kicked off a 10-game trip.

Gonzalez (9-4) struck out six, walked one and stranded eight runners. The left-hander is 5-0 with a 1.48 ERA in eight starts since losing 6-1 at Tampa Bay on June 15.

Brett Anderson (6-7) was charged with seven runs and 10 hits through five-plus innings.

Carl Crawford hit a three-run shot in the ninth off Doug Fister, the first pinch-hit homer of his career.

The Dodgers' four-game losing streak is their first since Sept. 2-13. They were the only team this season that hadn't lost more than three straight.

Orioles 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Chris Davis hit a go-ahead single and his 30th home run for Baltimore.

Adam Jones launched his 18th homer in the first inning off Seattle starter Vidal Nuno (0-1) and scored on Davis' base hit in the fourth. Davis then hit a line drive out to center off reliever Mayckol Guaipe in the sixth.

Davis reached 30 homers for the third time in four years. He led the majors with 53 in 2013.

Seattle slugger Nelson Cruz extended his hitting streak to a career-high 20 games with an opposite-field single leading off the fourth. His streak of nine straight games with an extra-base hit came to an end.

Chen Wei-yin (6-6) won for the second time since July 1, pitching into the eighth inning. Chen allowed only Franklin Gutierrez's home run leading off the second. The lefty gave up three hits. He struck out five and retired 13 of his final 14 batters.

Zach Britton got five outs for his 24th straight save.

Padres 2, Reds 1

In San Diego, Justin Upton hit a two-run homer as San Diego snapped a six-game losing streak.

Ian Kennedy pitched five innings for the win, backed up by four relievers who did not permit a run to the Reds, who have lost five of six. Kennedy (7-10) was charged with two hits and a season-high six walks. He struck out four while improving to 5-1 against the Reds.

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his 32nd save in 34 chances. It was his first save since Aug. 1.

David Holmberg (1-1) worked 6 2-3 innings for the Reds. He allowed two runs, five hits and three walks with five strikeouts.

Jay Bruce homered for the Reds.

McIlroy declares himself to be 100 percent for PGA

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. (AP)—Rory McIlroy says he's 100 percent and his game appears to be in order.

He was talking about golf, not soccer.

McIlroy played another practice round Monday for the PGA Championship and declared himself ready to go at Whistling Straits. The world's No. 1 player injured ligaments in his left ankle the first weekend in July while playing soccer with friends in Northern Ireland.

Thursday will be his first competitive round since the U.S. Open.

"To play golf it's 100 percent," he said. "To go back on a soccer pitch, it wouldn't be quite ready. But to do what I need to do this week, it's 100 percent."

Monday was the first official day of practice for the final major of the year, though it was interrupted throughout the afternoon as thunderstorms rumbled into the area off Lake Michigan and twice suspended play.

McIlroy got his work done in the morning. He flew in from Portugal on the weekend and played twice, and the 26-year-old from Northern Ireland said he has been playing with one ball to keep score and try to regain a competitive feel.

He said he played—and walked—72 holes during his time in Portugal. That's much different—as is the injury—from when Tiger Woods played the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines with shredded ligaments in his left knee and a double stress fracture in his leg. Woods did not walk 18 holes until he teed it up that week at Torrey Pines.

"It actually feels better when I go at it as hard as I want because my left foot sort of spins out of the way whenever I hit the driver anyway," McIlroy said. "If my left foot was to stay completely flat, like roll on to the left side like a lot of guys do, then it would obviously probably create a few problems. Because mine sort of spins out of the way, it takes a lot of pressure off it."

McIlroy said he was putting even while he was in a boot to keep his ankle steady.

He began this year with a runner-up finish in Abu Dhabi after a seven-week break, though he conceded it was far different at a major championship.

"I think it's just the competitiveness of feeling what it's like to play a tournament," he said. "It's OK coming back to play Abu Dhabi as your first week back, but playing a major, it's a bit different. Just that sharpness and competitive edge, that's the thing you really hope is there when you come back."

SCENARIOS

Jordan Spieth does not have to win the PGA Championship to replace McIlroy at No. 1 in the world. In fact, he might not get there even if he does win his third major.

The Official World Golf Ranking laid out the following scenarios for Spieth to get to No. 1:

Spieth wins and McIlroy finishes in a two-way tie for second or worse.

Spieth finishes second alone and McIlroy is out of the top six.

Spieth finishes in a two-way tie for second and McIlroy is out of the top 13.

Spieth finishes in a three-way tie for second and McIlroy is out of the top 3

The only way for Spieth to finish alone in third and get to No. 1 is for McIlroy to miss the cut.

LATE ADDITIONS

Martin Laird, J.J. Henry and Sean O'Hair are the latest entries to the PGA Championship.

Laird was the first alternate and go in when Shane Lowry won the Bridgestone Invitational. Lowry already was eligible, but because five players at Firestone were not eligible, the PGA kept open one spot.

Henry got the 156th spot on Sunday night by winning the Barracuda Championship in Nevada in a playoff. Then, Graham DeLaet of Canada withdrew Monday because of an injury to his left thumb. He was replaced by O'Hair, who had moved up as first alternate.

That moves Carl Pettersson up to first alternate, followed by Daniel Summerhays and William McGirt.

AP

Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, watches a tee shot during a practice round for the PGA Championship golf tournament Monday, Aug. 10, 2015, at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.

New team, same Rex: Ryan takes Buffalo by storm

PITTSFORD, N.Y. (AP)—Rex Ryan had just finished wrapping up his daily post-practice session with reporters at training camp when a Bills fan in the nearby stands delivered what has become a common message to the team's new coach.

"We love you, Rex!" the woman yelled.

"Thank you," Ryan responded. Smiling, he added as an aside for only a few to hear: "We haven't lost yet."

There's truth in that, though don't think for an instant the ever-confident Ryan believes there will be many losses in the Bills' immediate future.

"Everybody gets it, that this is the honeymoon period, and we haven't lost a game," Ryan said.

"But you know what the great thing is? This ain't the honeymoon period. The honeymoon period's coming," he said. "I truly believe there's going to be such great days ahead of us that the true honeymoon period is getting ready to take place. It hasn't taken place."

If that sounds like a playoff promise, you wouldn't be wrong.

"Yeah, we're all in," Ryan said. "It's never crossed my mind that this team wouldn't be a factor."

New team. New city. Same Rex.

With a bigger than-life-personality, Ryan has taken western New York by storm since arriving in mid-January. Weeks after being fired by the New York Jets, Ryan replaced Doug Marrone, who abruptly stepped down on Dec. 31.

Ryan's embraced the blue-collar town and culture by having beer and wings at The Big Tree Inn, a long-time Bills hangout, while referencing the franchise's storied past, from Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly to 1960s star running back Cookie Gilchrist.

"Rex gets it," Kelly said. "If there's somebody in Buffalo that's not excited about this season, something's wrong."

Added veteran defensive tackle Kyle Williams: "He understands what the history of this team means to the community. Because once you understand that connection, you can understand why our fans are as passionate as they are."

Ryan has provided a brash voice and swagger to a team that's faded from relevance during a 15-season stretch of missing the playoffs—the NFL's longest active drought.

He has vowed to build a "bully." He's tricked-out his Ford F-250 pickup truck in red, white and blue Bills colors. He's thrown out the first pitch on opening day for the Triple-A Buffalo Bisons. And his news conferences are regarded as "must-attend" events.

Ryan has needled Patriots quarterback Tom Brady for bouncing a pitch into the dirt before the Boston Red Sox home opener. Last week, he joined Bills owner Terry Pegula in munching on a dog biscuit to promote the SPCA. He's referred to UFC star Ronda Rousey as "the baddest person on the planet."

And let's not forget Ryan jumping out of a plane in a tandem skydive with the U.S. Army parachute team last month.

"That's Rex," Pegula said. "I'm surprised he had a parachute on. I'm sure he would've felt comfortable without one."

Ryan appears to be walking on air in getting a second chance after his six-year tenure with the Jets unraveled with a string of losses, injuries and front-office infighting. He and general manager John Idzik were fired following a 4-12 finish.

Ryan doesn't mention Idzik by name, though the coach still feels he was shunted aside once Idzik took over in 2013.

"I'll say this, Woody Johnson I always felt was with me," Ryan said, referring to the Jets' owner. "I felt it was my team initially, and then it became like I was an employee."

Ryan went 46-50, and in his first two years led the Jets to consecutive AFC championship games, both losses.

In Buffalo, the 52-year-old defensive specialist and son of famed coach Buddy Ryan is re-energized.

"I feel like I've been here for years," Ryan said.

He's no stranger to Buffalo. He and his twin brother Rob spent much of the 1970s growing up in nearby Toronto. Ryan attended several Bills home games, though he was rooting for the Jets, when his father was an assistant coach from 1968-75.

"Buffalo's different," Ryan said. "I think I'm the only (coaching candidate) who brought it up, about fielding a team that would represent this community, and recognizing the loyalty of the fan base."

Pegula recalls the first thing Ryan said was how he wanted to live in the part of town where it snowed the most.

"The word that comes to mind is authentic," Bills President Russ Brandon said. "I think people appreciate that he's one of us. It's who he is. It's not manufactured."

In Buffalo, Ryan has something he believes he lost in New York: top-to-bottom loyalty.

"Look, I know I'm decent at this job, but it's the people that are with me," Ryan said. "And the great thing about this organization, everybody's with me, from players, coaches, management, ownership. Everything."

The Bills are embarking on a new era under Terry and wife Kim Pegula, who purchased the team in October following the death of Hall of Fame owner Ralph Wilson. They inherited a franchise that lacked continuity and front-office stability, going through six coaches since 2000.

Marrone had the Bills' support, but his departure left the owners perplexed and disappointed. Now they get to start anew with Ryan, who embraces the challenge to win in what he insists will be his last head-coaching job.

"If we don't accomplish what we set out to do, I want it on one's guy's shoulders. I want it on me. Yet, when we win, and I know we're going to win, it's on everybody, man," he said.

"It's the 72,000 people in the stands, and it's all the people at home watching. That's who I want to feel great about this," Ryan added. "It's the Buffalo Bills. And it's a sense of pride. You say, `I live in Buffalo. Home of the Bills.' That's what I want it to be."

AP
Buffalo Bills head coach Rex Ryan smiles as he delivers on a challenge by eating two dog biscuits following practice at the team's training camp facility in Pittsford, N.Y., Thursday, Aug. 6, 2015.

SIDEBAR

Chargers slam San Diego's latest stadium proposal

SAN DIEGO (AP)—The city and county's updated plans for a new $1.1 billion stadium were immediately trashed by the Chargers, making it look increasingly doubtful the long-running, contentious issue can be solved by City Hall's Sept. 11 deadline to have a deal in place to qualify for a January vote.

The city and county unveiled the updated plans Monday, a few hours after a local contingent made a presentation to the NFL's Committee on Los Angeles Opportunities in Chicago.

The Chargers, who appear eager to move to Los Angeles, will update all owners on Tuesday on their joint plan with the archrival Oakland Raiders to build a stadium in Carson.

St. Louis owner Stan Kroenke will give an update on his competing bid to build a stadium in Inglewood.

At a sun-drenched news conference overlooking aging Qualcomm Stadium, Mayor Kevin Faulconer unveiled a financing plan, architectural renderings for a new stadium and a 6,000-page draft of an environmental impact report.

The proposal includes contributions of $362.5 million from the Chargers, a $200 million loan from the NFL, $187.5 million in personal seat licenses, $200 million from the city and $150 million from the county. The public contribution will be capped at 32 percent of the total project, and the team would be responsible for overruns, Faulconer said.

Chargers point man Mark Fabiani was quick to criticize City Hall, as he has since the stadium push was revived in January.

"Never before in California history has a controversial, billion dollar project relied on environmental review documents hastily prepared in three weeks," Fabiani, a former deputy mayor of Los Angeles, said in a statement. "The Chargers have been clear from the start that the franchise will not be the City's guinea pig for this inevitably ill-fated legal experiment. Remember, these are the same politicians who told us, with disastrous results in court, that the convention center expansion could be financed by a vote of the hoteliers rather than a vote of the people."

The Chargers walked away from negotiations in June, saying they doubted the city could produce an EIR that will hold up in court.

The city and county have continued to work on the project.

"The NFL knows that San Diego is a great sports city," Faulconer said. "We're a great city that supports the NFL and the Chargers. They have said all along it is their clear desire to have teams stay in their home city, and we have said, very clear, regardless what may or may not have happened in San Diego over the last 10 or 13 years, that we have the ability to get across the finish line now, and I think we demonstrated that today.

"It will be up to the NFL and working with the Chargers here in the coming days to determine a path forward," he said. "We are ready, the negotiating table is open, and we'll see in the next couple of days."

The two sides have one month to agree to a deal so a special election can be planned.

"We will not have an election in January unless we have a final deal that has been agreed to," Faulconer said.

Eric Grubman, the NFL's point man on relocation, declined to comment on San Diego's presentation.

There's been a perception the Chargers are slow-walking San Diego's proposal to eventual failure in order to move on with their deal with the Raiders.

"It's tough for the Chargers to show movement in San Diego when they're vying for the Los Angeles market, to be a team in Los Angeles," city attorney Jan Goldsmith said. "We get that. But right now you've got three teams vying for Los Angeles in a city that hasn't had one team in 20 years. We're in the game. ``

The Chargers and Raiders announced plans for their joint Carson stadium after Kroenke announced plans for a stadium in Inglewood.

The Rams, Raiders and Chargers shared Southern California from 1982-1994. After the 1994 season, the Raiders returned to Oakland and the Rams moved from Anaheim to St. Louis. The Chargers played their first season in Los Angeles in 1960 before moving to San Diego.

San Diego County Commissioner Ron Roberts said he believes the Chargers "are trying to convince the NFL owners that San Diego can't make this happen. ... If you look at everything that's happened over the last year, not just over the last few months, the Chargers have tried to almost insult everybody involved with this: the efforts of the city, the prior mayors, the current mayor, the convention center. They've gone down a road of casting aspersions on every possible reason why this can't happen.

"We want to show the NFL, as much as show the Chargers, we're ready to move ahead with a new state-of-the art facility in San Diego."

Some US rowers fall ill at 2016 Olympics test event

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Thirteen rowers on the 40-member U.S. team came down with stomach illness at the World Junior Rowing Championships—a trial run for next summer's Olympics—and the team doctor said she suspected it was due to pollution in the lake where the competition took place.

The event took place amid rising concerns about the water quality at venues for the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, now less than a year away.

The Americans were by far the hardest hit at the regatta that concluded over the weekend, with reports of vomiting and diarrhea. Other teams in the competition reported some illnesses, according to World Rowing, the sport's governing body, but those were about as expected at an event that featured more than 500 young rowers.

On July 30, The Associated Press published an independent analysis of water quality that showed high levels of viruses and, in some cases, bacteria from human sewage in all of Rio's Olympic and Paralympic water venues, including the Rodrigo de Freitas Lagoon, where the rowing competition took place.

U.S. coach Susan Francia, a two-time Olympic gold-medal rower, said in an interview with the AP that 13 athletes and four staff members—including herself—suffered various gastrointestinal symptoms during the team's two weeks of training in Rio.

Dr. Kathryn Ackerman, the U.S. team physician, said athletes from several other countries stayed in the same hotel as the Americans, but did not seem to get as sick as her rowers.

"I don't know if it was the water bottles in the boats, or hygiene precautions that some athletes are really good about and others weren't," she said.

AP

In this Aug. 5, 2015 photo, a rower from Turkey participates in the World Junior Rowing Championships on Rodrigo de Freitas lake in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Officials did not rule out that the Americans could have gotten ill from food or drinking water.

"We're not really sure. My personal feeling is, I think it's from the lake," Ackerman said.

Francia said she lacked the data and information to directly blame the illness on the venue, but added: "It just doesn't seem normal."

She warned athletes coming for the Olympics that "you should know when you're coming next year that you have to be smart about how you are preparing."

Francia said the U.S. team had taken precautions about competing in the polluted lake beneath Rio's picturesque Christ the Redeemer statue, "but maybe we were not as strict in enforcing them as we should have been from the beginning."

"As soon as kids started going down, we were bleaching oar handles, we were immediately washing hands after coming off the water," she said. "Other countries didn't allow water bottles at all. Other countries had water bottles in zip-locked bags."

US Rowing, which oversees the sport in the United States, said it is investigating what sickened the athletes, who range in age from 16-19. None are likely to be Olympians next year.

Rowing officials will debrief the athletes when they return to the U.S., likely through the rest of the week. They will talk to the athletes, review protocols for cleanliness.

Ackerman said she became worried when one U.S. boat tipped over in the lake, although the athlete who got thrown into the water was not among those who became ill.

"Obviously we were all concerned because we know the water's polluted," she added.

A spokesman for the Rio organizing committee on Monday attributed American team illnesses to "class travel symptoms" and said an event doctor treated eight Americans, three Britons and three Australians for symptoms including diarrhea.

The Americans' experience is almost certain to raise more concerns for the Olympics. About 10,500 athletes will attend the Summer Games, and 1,400 will participate in rowing, sailing, triathlon, canoeing and distance swimming in the waters around Rio.

"You don't want to see athletes in the boat-park vomiting," Francia said, recounting that the competitor she saw get sick was not an American. One of the U.S. rowers did faint in a dining area, she added.

The AP analysis of water began in March and was performed by noted Brazilian virologist Fernando Spilki, coordinator of the environmental quality program at Feevale University in southern Brazil. It showed dangerously high levels of viruses from sewage in all Olympic venues. The samples were checked for three types of human adenovirus, as well as rotavirus, enterovirus and fecal coliforms.

These are viruses that are known to cause digestive and respiratory illnesses, including explosive diarrhea and vomiting, but can also in rarer cases lead to more serious heart, brain and other diseases, such as hepatitis A.

The AP testing, which will continue through the Olympics, also checked for bacterial fecal coliforms—which at times during the study peaked at the Olympic lake to 10 times the acceptable limit for secondary contact per Brazilian regulations.

In two separate emailed statements following the AP study, the World Health Organization affirmed it was advising the International Olympic Committee "to widen the scientific base of indicators to include viruses." The WHO underscored that it's actually up to the local Olympic organizing committee in Rio to order that viral testing be done.

However, in an emailed statement Monday, the organization reversed course and said that "WHO has not and will not issue an `official recommendation' on viral testing."

The local committee has not responded to repeated requests for information on whether it will order the viral testing.

Matt Smith, the head of World Rowing, said he wants the IOC and local organizers to ask the state of Rio de Janeiro to do viral testing in the run-up to the Olympics.

However, the Rio state environment agency does not have the equipment or the trained personnel to carry out viral testing of water, according to local virologists. The agency confirmed it only does bacterial testing, since that is all Brazilian law, like that of most nations including the U.S., demands.

Smith said the rowing, sailing, swimming, canoeing and triathlon federation could unite to test if the Rio state officials declined to.

"If they don't agree, or don't want to, we will discuss together what to do and probably finance our own test," Smith said.

Peter Sowrey, the CEO of sailing's world governing body ISAF, told AP he would seek independent testing for viruses "to understand exactly what we are dealing with."

VOLUNTEERS

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Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan led more than 20 volunteers in clearing fallen tree branches and trunks at the parking lot. Saipan Soccer School staff, CNMI U14, U15, U18, and women's national pool players, and Shirley's Coffee Shop employees joined Tan in the clean-up drive yesterday, while some individuals from the same groups cleared the track oval last Monday.

"During any crisis, it is important that everyone come together as a community because the government has limited resources. It is crucial that private citizens stepped up and volunteer. The collective effort from the government and the private sector will make our recovery from the typhoon faster," Tan said.

"The kids are still out of school, so I am proud and happy that they come out and help our community recover from these trying times," he added.

Angie Ito, who manages one of the soccer teams, said it is just right to help clean the facility (track pitch) that has been helping them with their training.

"It's time to give back to the facility that has been very good to us and welcoming. We've been using the track for years, so we have to help clean it after the disaster that hit us," Ito said, adding that some of the players resumed training sessions at the pitch after cleaning job was done last Monday.

Meanwhile, Tan hopes the group's move will inspire other people to help out the community in any way possible.

Tony and NMSA secretary general Rose Igitol echoed Tan's sentiments, encouraging members of the CNMI sports community to lend a hand in cleaning the sports complex.

"Thank you very much to Jerry Tan and his players and staff for the initiative. I hope other federations will follow his example as lots of work are left be done at the complex," Igitol said.

"We're calling on the Little League people and the basketball community. If they want to help out clean the facility, they are very much welcome to come here and assist us," the elder Rogolifoi said.

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De Jesus was quoted as saying in an interview with Mike Marron of *The Reporters' Academy*.

The 16-year-old had a 65-second reaction time off the blocks en route to placing seventh in her heat and beating two other swimmers. Tanzania's Magdalena Moshi ruled the heat after submitting 29.62 seconds, while Australia's Cate Campbell recorded the fastest qualifying time (24.40 seconds), and the former's younger sister Bronte won the gold medal in the 50m freestyle event with a time of 24.12 seconds).

The 50m freestyle was De Jesus' second event in the biennial tournament. She had her first last Aug. 6 and also set a PBT in the 50m butterfly after recording 33.86 seconds. The Marianas High School student, whose previous PBT read at 34.99 seconds, was third on Heat 1 and finished ahead of two other swimmers in her group. World record holder Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden topped the qualifying field with her time of 25.43 seconds and she also took the gold medal in the event after submitting 24.96 seconds in the finals.

Meanwhile, Takumi Sugie duplicated De Jesus' feat in the 50m freestyle after timing in at 27.26 seconds on Heat 2 of the qualifying races for the sprint swim last Aug. 7.

Sugie eclipsed his old PBT of 27.56 seconds and was ranked second on his heat behind Palau's Shawn Wallace Dingilius (27.02 seconds).

"I gave it all I could today (last Saturday), so I'm really happy with that—a personal best. Just going forward was the only thing I thought of after I dived in," Takumi said in an interview with The Reporters' Academy.

"I've been watching all the swimmers and I got some great tips from them. I guess I improved," he added.

Sugie also joined the 100m freestyle race last Aug. 5 and he timed in at 1:00.23, falling short in breaking his personal best time (59.95 seconds).

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formation via Facebook or my Instagram account. They can leave a message anytime so we can work out the arrangement for the pickup and delivery of their packages," the lightweight fighter said.

Saipan bore the brunt of Typhoon Soudelor last Aug. 2 when it made landfall on the island and left hundreds of people homeless and thousands without power and water.

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NBA STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	61	49	.555	—
Toronto	61	52	.540	1½
Baltimore	57	54	.514	4½
Tampa Bay	56	56	.500	6
Boston	50	62	.446	12

Central Division

Kansas City	67	44	.604	—
Minnesota	55	56	.495	12
Detroit	54	58	.482	13½
Chicago	52	58	.473	14½
Cleveland	51	59	.464	15½

West Division

Houston	61	52	.540	—
Los Angeles	59	52	.532	1
Texas	55	55	.500	4½
Seattle	52	61	.460	9
Oakland	51	62	.451	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

New York	60	52	.536	—
Washington	58	53	.523	1½
Atlanta	51	61	.455	9
Philadelphia	45	68	.398	15½
Miami	44	68	.393	16

Central Division

St. Louis	71	40	.640	—
Pittsburgh	65	44	.596	5
Chicago	62	48	.564	8½
Cincinnati	49	61	.445	21½
Milwaukee	48	65	.425	24

West Division

Los Angeles	62	50	.554	—
San Francisco		59	52	.5322½
Arizona	55	56	.495	6½
San Diego	53	60	.469	9½
Colorado	47	63	.427	14

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2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament

PHOTOS By MARK RABAGO

Ol'Aces' Dizon Magofna tries a corner jumper against a 670 Rollers defender during their championship game in the U19 finals of the 2015 NMI Rollers Basketball Tournament held last Aug. 1 at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Ol'Aces' L.J. Borja is fouled by 670 Rollers' Prince Factor while going up for a drive.

Ol'Aces' Dennis Moses tries a corner shot.

An Ol'Aces player fakes off 670 Rollers' Mike Espinosa on the way to the cup.

Ol'Aces' Dizon Magofna tries a floater against a phalanx of 670 Rollers defenders.

An Ol'Aces player challenges the defense of 670 Rollers' Mike Espinosa.

Ol'Aces' Dennis Moses goes up for a layup against 670 Rollers' Young Min Kim.

Ol'Aces' L.J. Borja stretches for a layup.

Ol'Aces' Dennis Moses is all alone for a fastbreak layup.

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Volunteers clean up Oleai Sports Complex

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
NMSA Executive Director Tony Rogolifoi, left, and some volunteers still have a smile on their faces after a hard day of cleaning work at the Oleai Sports Complex yesterday.

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Volunteers are joining hands to make the clearing works at the Oleai Sports Complex faster.

Tristan Rogolifoi, the grandson of Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi, was the youngest among the volunteers, helping his grandfather clean the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium and the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field, which sustained damage after typhoon Soudelor struck Saipan on Aug. 2.

"I am helping out my grandpa so I can make his work easier and faster," the 9-year-old Koblerville resident said.

Tony has been leading the clearing operations at the sports complex since early last week and had to draw help from his relatives after his two staff—Elias Rangamar and Greg Iginoef—had to attend to their families affected by the typhoon. Rangamar and Iginoef's homes sustained damage from Soudelor.

With his staff out, Rogolifoi needed the extra hands of his family members—T.J. and C.J. Rogolifoi, Nak Nakashima, and Martin Omelau. The boys helped out in drying the floor of the Ada Gym yesterday and also did some work at the Tan Ko pitch.

"I am very thankful to these boys for working with me for almost all day since last week," said Rogolifoi.

Outside the field, Northern Mariana

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
NMIFA president Jerry Tan, second left, leads volunteers in cleaning the parking lot of the Oleai Sports Complex yesterday.

'The Crank' to send relief supplies to Saipan

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho is now working off the octagon cage to bring assistance to the victims of Typhoon Soudelor on Saipan.

Camacho, who earned an impressive first round knockout win over Japan's Kengo Ura in last Friday's PXC 49 in Guam, through his sponsor CARS PLUS will facilitate the shipment of a 20-foot container carrying basic necessities for typhoon victims on Saipan.

"Right now, we are busy collecting and loading stuff like food, water, clothing, and other basic necessities from our various donors and other concerned individuals. Once the container is full, it will be sent to Saipan. We're hoping the shipment will be able to reach Saipan in a week from now," said Camacho, who dedicated his PXC victory to Saipan.

"My heart goes to the families who are affected by the typhoon. I know they are in a very difficult situation, but help is on the way. Let us just work together and help each other," the 26-year-old MMA fighter said.

He added he will be on Saipan when the shipment arrives to help distribute the goods to the victims.

Camacho also welcomes Guam residents who want to send goods to their family members on Saipan.

"They can reach me for more in-

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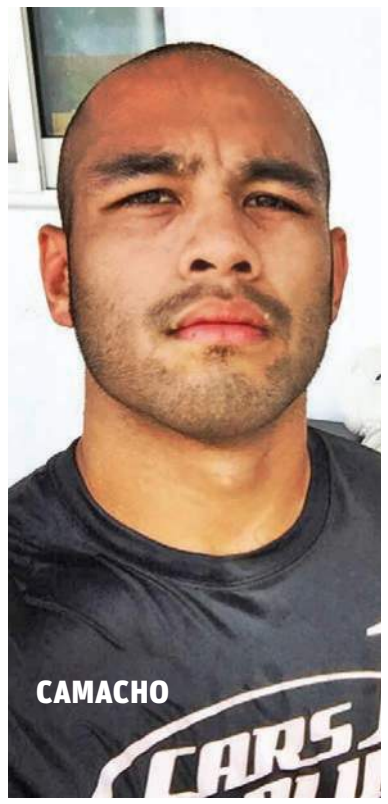

CAMACHO

De Jesus, Sugie notch PBTs

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MIKE MARRON
The CNMI's Angel De Jesus races in the 50m freestyle event in the 16th FINA World Championships at the Kazan Arena in Kazan, Russia last week.

The CNMI's Angel De Jesus capped the Commonwealth's campaign in the 16th FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia with a personal best time in the 50m freestyle.

De Jesus was on Lane 8, Heat 3 of the qualifying races for the sprint event last Aug. 7 (Aug. 8 on Saipan) and clocked in at 30.57 seconds to surpass her seed time/PBT of 30.68 seconds and the 31.01 seconds she registered in her debut in the world championship in Barcelona, Spain, in 2013.

"It was difficult but I did well ... I cut 0.11 seconds off my 'C' time. I wanted to get 29 seconds, but updating my personal best is OK for me",

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